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CBA SHUTTLE A BIG HIT WITH AT&T TOURISTS

By TAMARA GRIPPI

THE NUMBER of people riding the Carmel Business Association's shuttles to the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am increased 65 percent this year, providing a nice boost for local businesses.

The CBA sold 1,699 shuttle tickets over the four-day tournament compared to 1,021 tickets sold last year, according to Brenda Roncarati, executive director of the organization.

"It's absolutely grown by leaps and bounds," she said, demonstrating that AT&T golf fans want restaurants and shopping to go with their scenery and autographs.

An informal poll conducted by the CBA showed 90 percent of city restaurants and 67 percent of hotels enjoyed an upswing in business this year. Retailers reported their sales were about the same as last year, Roncarati said.

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Cal-Am gives up on dam



PHOTO/PAUL MILLER

Not only did Cal-Am abandon its plan to build a new dam on the upper Carmel River, a federal wildlife official said this week he wants the San Clemente Dam (at lower right in photo) removed. Its reservoir is almost entirely filled with silt.

■ Accepts state call for big desal plant at Moss Landing

By PAUL MILLER

AFTER MORE than 20 years of trying, California-American Water Company has given up the idea of building a new dam on the upper Carmel River.

In papers filed with the California Public Utilities Commission this week, Cal-Am formally switched from the dam to a desalination plant as the preferred way to provide the Monterey Peninsula with a reliable water source.

"This is an historic occasion for a community that has a major water supply problem," said Cal-Am General Manager Steve Leonard, who made the announcement Tuesday at a news conference in Seaside.

His boss, Cal-Am President Paul Townslee, said the desal plant was now called the "Coastal Water Project," and that Cal-Am's corporate owner, a European conglomerate called RWE/Thames Water, fully supported it.

Another Cal-Am executive, Judy Almond, said water supply options for the Monterey Peninsula are few. "You either capture it behind a dam, drill it from the ground or desal it," she said. After extensive study, prompted by special legislation sponsored by former Assemblyman Fred Keeley in 1998, Cal-Am decided desalination was the best alternative, she said.

Significantly, a top federal wildlife official, Pat Rutten of

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From Carmel to the Grammys

By PAUL MILLER

WHEN RUSHAD Eggleston was just 3 years old, he loved to climb on the coffee table at his great-grandmother's home on Camino Real and "conduct" classical music playing on the radio.

Later this month, the 1996 Carmel High graduate — now a senior at the world-famous Berklee College of Music in Boston — may win his first Grammy.

"If he does, he'll be the very first at Berklee to win a Grammy while he was still a student," said Johanna Flattery, a spokesman for the school, which counts 29 Grammy winners among its alumni.



PHOTO/COURTESY DANA EGGLESTON
When he was just 3, Rushad Eggleston began violin lessons. They paid off.

Eggleston has been nominated for the award as part of a progressive jazz group, Fiddlers 4, which released a CD of the same name last year.

Led by veteran fiddle players Daron Anger and Michael Doucet, Fiddlers 4 is unique, said a reviewer with Amazon.com, in that it is "a string quartet that makes you want to get up and dance."

The Boston Globe said Eggleston is vital to the group's energy. Not only that, but he's come up with a whole new genre: bluegrass cello.

"The importance of what Eggleston is doing can hardly be overstated," said Scott Alarik, a music writer for the Globe. "He is inventing a new way of hearing and playing the cello."

Comments like that are no surprise to the people who have followed Eggleston's career since he graduated from Carmel High School in 1996.

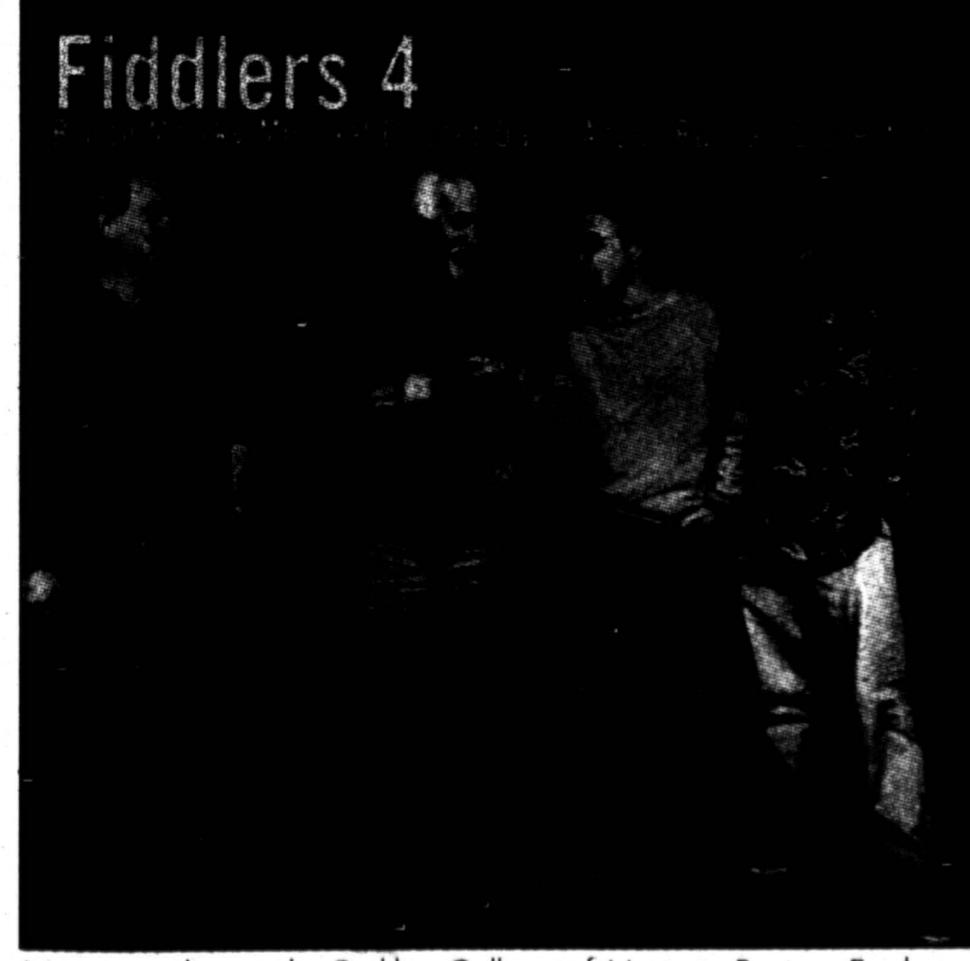
"His talent is prodigious, whether he's playing jazz or classical," agreed Mayor Sue McCloud, a friend of the Eggleston family.

"When Rushad was growing up, we had no TV at our home in Palo Colorado, so our entertainment was music," said his mother, Nazneen. "From a very early age, Rushad was obviously gifted."

"He started violin lessons when he was 3, and he just took to it," said grandmother Dana Eggleston. "Even at his first recital, his intonation was perfect."

His mother said teachers in the Carmel school system — especially Richard Purdy, Betsy Walsh and Dick Robbins — really encouraged Rushad and were responsible for much of his musical development. After playing first cello with Youth Music Monterey, Rushad Eggleston won the Jimmy Lyons scholarship — named for the founder of the Monterey Jazz Festival — to attend Berklee, where he has refined both his classical and jazz technique on the cello. He also plays the vi-

Fiddlers 4



Now a student at the Berklee College of Music in Boston, Eggleston (at right) was nominated for a Grammy for the "Fiddlers 4" CD.

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Unrest at Church of the Wayfarer follows arrest of pastor's husband

By TAMARA GRIPPI

THEIR pastor was arrested this week at the Church of the Wayfarer in Carmel, but the split church with biblical names — including Jesus, John the Baptist and others — are in turmoil, deeply divided over the Rev. Madeline Elsea's future with the congregation.

More than two weeks ago, Elsea's husband, Rod Lee, was arrested for sexual-misdemeanor exposure in Carmel — an incident that shocked the congregation, especially when they learned Lee had previously been convicted of the same offense.

Earlier this week, Beverly Shamans, bishop of the California-Nevada Conference of the United Methodist Church, decided Elsea can stay at Church of the Wayfarer.

In response, 51 members of the congregation submitted letters to the local leadership of the church asking that Elsea be replaced, according to Betty Fors, organist of the church for 32 years before retiring a few months ago.

"The 51 letters and fixes came from an active membership of 80 people," Fors said. "We feel that the very life of the church is in jeopardy."

However, others at the church are rallying behind Elsea, encouraging her to stay.

"Madeline is the most compassionate, understanding, effective pastor I've ever worked with," said member Carolina Bayne. "We need to help her get through this, much as she would help us."

Clay Berling, the lay leader of the church, acknowledged "there is a serious rift in the congregation."

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CHAMPIONS OF SUNSET CENTER NAMED CITIZENS OF THE YEAR

By TAMARA GRIPPI

BILL AND Nancy Doolittle, Carmel's dynamic duo behind the \$21 million Sunset Center renovation, were honored this week as Citizens of the Year by the Carmel Residents Association.

"They've been the heart and soul of the Sunset Center project," said CRA board member Linda Anderson. "It wouldn't have happened without them."

The Doolittles were surprised with the honor at a special ceremony held at Scout House Feb. 9.

Former Carmel Police Chief and master of ceremonies Don Fuselier praised the couple's indefatigable efforts for making the Sunset Center renovation a reality.

As chairman and president, respectively, of the Campaign for Sunset, Bill and Nancy Doolittle spearheaded the fundraising effort. Their group raised \$11.65 million from private donors and, when bids came in higher than expected, offered to raise another million.

"Nancy literally goes to the office every day," Anderson said. "From the beginning, she's never stopped working."

Nancy Doolittle said she was delighted with the honor and with the prospect of Sunset's grand reopening only 23 weeks away.

"This project just seemed inevitable, even if it took 11 years to happen," she said. "The most exciting part is everybody in the community feels a sense of ownership."

Bill Doolittle arrived at the CRA ceremon-

ny believing his wife would be the only recipient of the award, but quickly discovered the 2002 Citizen of the Year called for double billing.

Congressman Sam Farr, Carmel Mayor Sue McCloud and Monterey County Supervisor Dave Potter were on hand to congratulate the couple. The CRA presented the Doolittles with a painting of two sea otters by Pacific Grove naturalist and artist Vern Yadon.

In addition to his work on the Sunset project, Bill Doolittle was honored for creating the 16.5-acre Mission Trail Nature Preserve. In 1972, Doolittle donated one-third of his land and sold the other two-thirds to the city at a discounted price.

He also served as president of the Big Sur Land Trust and helped negotiate the acquisition of two scenic properties — the Odello family's artichoke fields on the west side of Highway 1 and the Point Lobos Ranch directly across from Point Lobos State Reserve.

But Bill Doolittle said his proudest work is his collaboration with his wife on the Sunset project.

The best reward for the Doolittles' hard work is watching their fellow Carmelites enjoying the fruits of the couple's labor, they said.

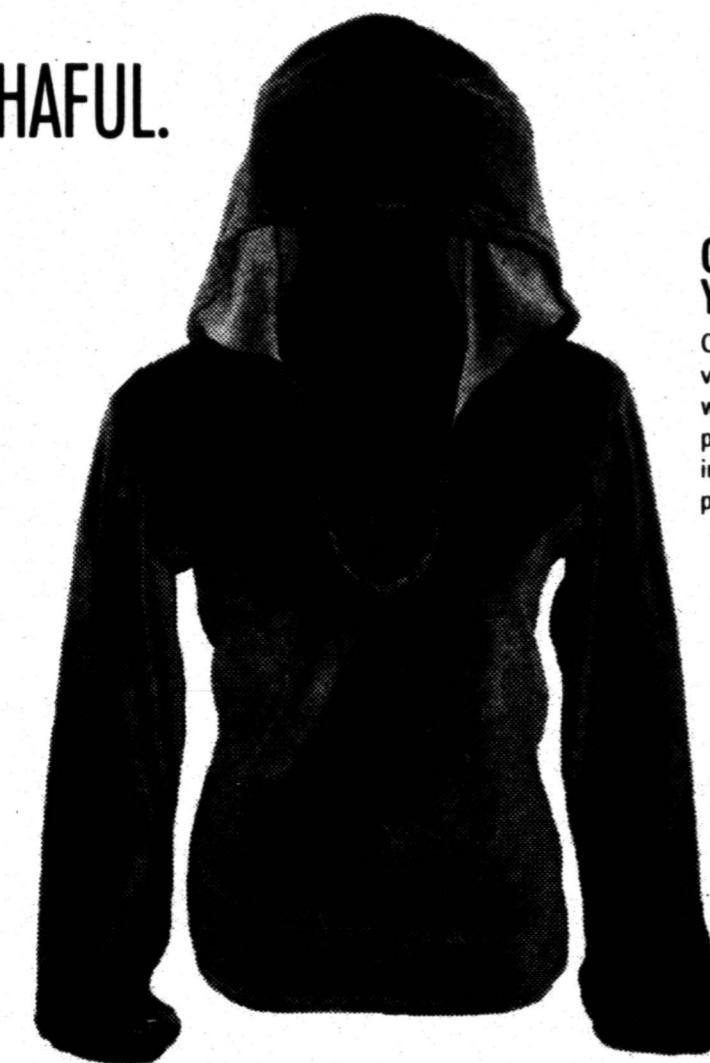
"Every time we walk by the job site, we'll see somebody standing on the bench peering over the fence to get a look at the construction," Nancy said.

In addition to all the work the Doolittles put into transforming Sunset Theater into a world class venue, the Carmel couple has also served the community in many other ways over the years.

Bill, a private investment counselor, is past president of the Community Foundation for Monterey County and the Carmel Rotary club, and was a founding board member of the Friends of Carmel Unified School District.

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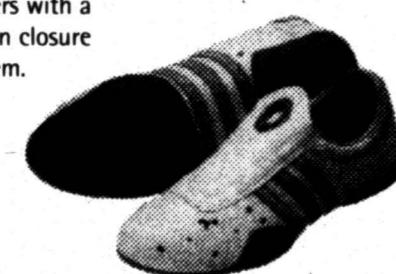
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Lucy's restaurant owners plead with city to keep restrooms private

By MARY BROWNFIELD

THE NEW owners of the former Toots Lagoon restaurant learned from the Carmel Planning Commission Feb. 5 that they might have to open their restrooms to people who visit the city park next door, even though the deal to make the restrooms public was inked 16 years ago and hasn't been enforced in recent years.

The restroom debate arose last week when the planning commission considered granting new owners Mary Hendy and Herb Beckett a use permit to run the restaurant now known as Lucy's. The new owners also asked the commission to nullify a 1987 agreement between then-owner Ed Johnson and the city council that allowed him to add seats to the restaurant — if he let the public use the restaurant's restrooms.

The maximum numbers of seats allowed in a restaurant with just one door is 49. By adding a second door, Johnson was able to add 26 seats to Toots Lagoon. But because his second door opened directly onto Piccadilly Park, the council added the condition that Johnson make his restrooms public — a concession he proposed.

"The additional seating would not have been possible had the city not agreed to the second exit since it opens onto city property," senior planner Chip Rerig said. He recommended the planning commission require Beckett and Hendy to reopen the restrooms to the public.

But Beckett told the commission he found Rerig's recommendation "somewhat shocking."

"I was led to believe earlier by a city official very informally that staff is inclined not to enforce this agreement," he said. "Right now Lucy's does not have the restroom door open to the public. When Ed Johnson sold us the restaurant, he had an agreement with a couple of city officials a few years ago to close it, and knowing that, we decided to purchase it."

In January 2001, Johnson sent a letter to Carmel Mayor Sue McCloud asking if the agreement could be dissolved as the number of park visitors had grown over the years.

"The situation has created intolerable hardships both to our patrons who often must stand in long lines to use the bathrooms and for my business financially," he wrote, adding that Toots Lagoon's janitorial costs in July 2000 hit \$1,000

per month — 10-to-20 times the normal amount.

The following April, interim planning director Peter Katzberger told city administrator Rich Guillen the agreement could only be altered by a vote of the city council, but that perhaps some compromise could be reached if the council found there was an "excessive burden" on Toots Lagoon.

"Things have changed so much since '87: The garden club got a hold of Piccadilly Park and hordes of people come through," Beckett told the commission before outlining the trouble the setup caused.

Commissioner Frank Wasko sympathized with Beckett but said his role required him to protect the city's interest.

Rather than vote to demand Lucy's restrooms be reopened to the public, Wasko suggested the decision be delayed while owners and the city try to work something out.

"The city is getting a use I think it should continue to get," he said. "But with that takes some responsibility, and I think we can get a win out of this yet."

He suggested sharing costs; commissioner Robin Wilson wondered if the restrooms could be expanded.

The commission unanimously voted to continue the hearing until March 12.

"I recommend you live up to the agreement in the interim," chairman Bill Strid commented.

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Police & Sheriff's Log

Peeping Tom haunts Devendorf stalls

HERE'S A look at some of the significant calls logged by the Carmel-by-the-Sea Police Department and the Monterey County Sheriff's Department last week.

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Carmel-by-the-Sea: Female reported she saw what appeared to be fresh damage on the rear door to a Dolores Street business. The damage was inspected and appeared to be old. She said she would like to have close patrol of the business just in case. Advised her to secure the slide bolts as well as the deadbolt when her employees left for the night.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Anonymous report of three subjects throwing rocks at street signs at Scenic and 13th. Contacted subjects matching the descriptions in the area of Scenic and 12th. All three denied throwing rocks at street signs. No damage noted.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Carmel Plaza employee reported an old couple picked up her small black and white dog while it was in the courtyard and took it to a San Carlos store, where they tied it up. She thought the couple was trying to steal her dog because they didn't try hard enough to find the dog's owner. Employee at

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South Coast committee likes plan to move dirt

By MARY BROWNFIELD

A NEW way to dispose of the tons of dirt and rocks that slide onto Highway 1 in Big Sur every year received its first OK this week, when the South Coast Land Use Advisory Committee voted in favor of a Caltrans proposal.

The plan sounds simple enough, though it's never been tried before. Caltrans plans to dig out the 5,000 cubic yards of earth collected behind a barrier at the foot of the landslide area north of Limekiln Creek on the east side of Highway 1. But instead of trucking it out, the agency wants to move the debris across the road.

"Rather than hauling away all this material miles and miles — with what that means to traffic and air pollution and all that — they will just put it on the other side of the highway," county planner Lautaro Echiburu said.

The pilot project — which will be closely watched by several government agencies — includes building a 180-foot-long com-

pacted berm below the highway.

"By policy we can't allow any project that would block an ocean view," Echiburu said.

While the elements might cause the soil and rocks to fall into the sea, Echiburu said the compaction would slow the erosion to a natural rate.

Just in case, a monitoring plan will assess slide movement and the effects on the shoreline below, and biologists will continue studying the marine life in the area.

"It's not a tremendous amount — we have landslides 10 times this size," he said of the 5,000 cubic yards of material slated for the move. "It's on a very small scale and the reason it's on a small scale is because we don't want to end up in a position where we're jeopardizing the shoreline."

The idea evolved as several government groups, including the coastal commission, the county, the national marine sanctuary and others, mulled over management of the scenic coastal highway, according to Echiburu.

"There were numerous discussions of what to do with this landslide material we have every year in Big Sur," he said, adding that strict rules governing everything along the highway posed a challenge.

Without discussion, the South Coast LUAC voted 3-0 to recommend the planning commission approve the plan, which Echiburu said he hopes will come before that decision-making body soon.

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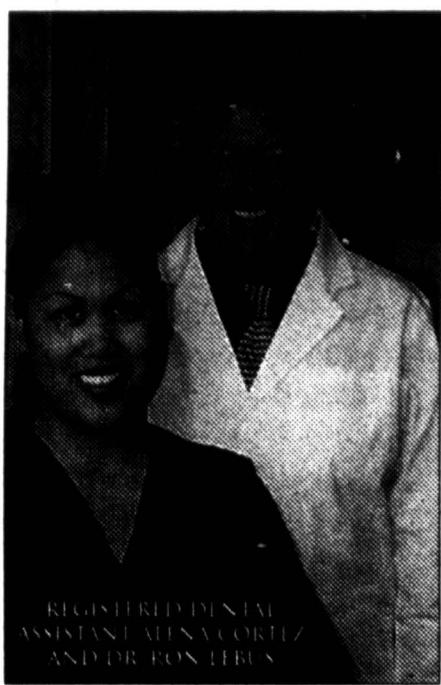
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The Big Sur Land Use Advisory Committee considered the plans last month but did not make a decision on the application, according to BSLT Executive Director Corey Brown.

"They are both existing roads," he said. But the legal road is more steep and prone to erosion, while the illegal road is flatter and would be better to use. "So it has a double benefit: Improving wildlife habitat and facilitating proper management of the ranch."

The LUAC may visit the site and will meet again to have questions answered before making a recommendation to the

county on the permit application, according to Brown.

The land trust and The Nature Conservancy purchased the 10,000-acre ranch with the help of \$32 million in state tax dollars last spring. The Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District pitched in the remaining \$5 million needed to meet the \$37 million purchase price. Ultimately, the state and the MPRPD will own the land and operate it as a park and wildlife preserve.

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REAL ESTATE ON THE PENINSULA BY JOHN S. LEVINSON

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Carmel River Dam. We hope this process will stimulate a constructive dialogue within the community as local residents help shape the final details of the plan.

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If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Steven Leonard, Vice President and Manager, Cal-Am, 50 Ragsdale Drive, Suite 100, Monterey, CA 93940. E-mail can be sent to monterey@amwater.com, or call us at 831.646.3214.

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the National Marine Fisheries Service, appeared at the news conference alongside Cal-Am brass to endorse the desal proposal.

"Water supply and river flows are the most important issues facing coastal communities," Rutten said. His agency has long opposed plans to build a new dam on the Carmel River because it would harm the local population of steelhead trout, a threatened species. But the office recognized the need for Peninsula residents to have a reliable water supply and, "to finally come to a solution is something else!" Rutten said. And he said he did not expect significant opposition to the desal plant from other government agencies.

"If we use the desal plant to replace river flows that are now taken for human use, we'll have much healthier fisheries," Rutten said. He also said he would like to see San Clemente dam, built in 1921 to supply water to the old Hotel Del Monte, removed.

Power plant for a neighbor

The desal plant proposed by Cal-Am would be built on industrial land in Moss Landing, where electricity would be available from the nearby Duke Energy power plant. Also, the salty output of the desal plant could be mixed with the large amounts of sea water used to cool the power plant, minimiz-

ing the danger to the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary.

As proposed by Cal-Am, the desal plant would produce just enough water to eliminate the illegal pumping of water from the Carmel River. There would be no water for new growth — or even for remodels and homes on existing lots. Cal-Am officials wouldn't say what the cost of the desal plant would be. But, Leonard said, because of advancements in technology, it would probably be less than the \$120 million predicted by state officials last summer. Cal-Am would finance the new desal plant and recoup the costs through increased water bills for its 100,000 local customers. The plant could be complete in five to seven years, Cal-Am officials said.

A longtime opponent of the new dam proposed for the upper Carmel River, vintner Jack Galante, was in a celebratory mood when he heard Cal-Am was abandoning the dam plan.

"This is great news," Galante said. "This whole thing started in 1977, when they wanted to flood the Cachagua Valley," which is now one of the top winegrape regions in California, he said. And even when the proposed dam was moved higher up the Carmel River, its sheer size would have altered the climate to the detriment of the local wine industry.

"It's been a long, long battle, but it was worth it," Galante said.

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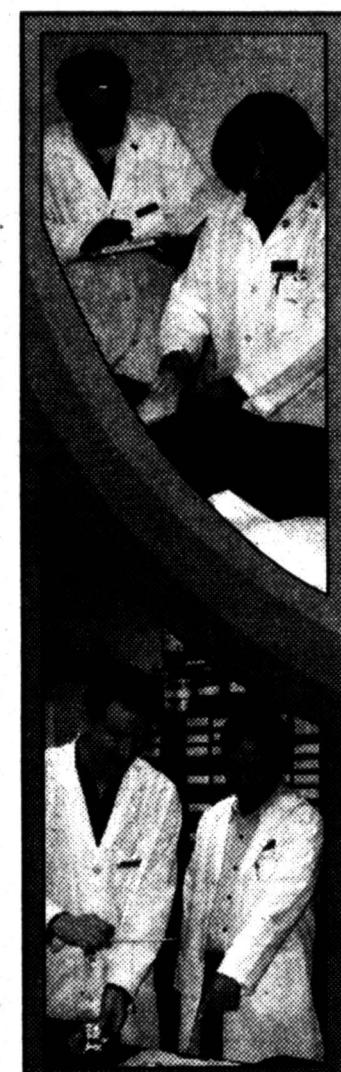
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Biologist brings expertise to scarred hillside

By MARY BROWNFIELD

THOUSANDS OF pounds of native seeds, 1,400 native plants, shrubs and trees, and a host of other tools figure into Rana Creek Habitat Restoration's plans for the old Fiskdale Ranch in Carmel Valley. Work to restore a construction-scarred hillside began last week.

Although a hue and cry recently arose after a road was widened and realigned on a highly visible hillside above Carmel Valley Road, property owner Jim Gregg said Rana Creek technicians have been on site for six months developing and implementing a restoration plan.

When work began last fall, the grading looked more extensive than he thought it would, Gregg admitted, but the grading was necessary for fire safety and to create a road linking 10 parcels — rather than 10 separate driveways wending their way to Carmel Valley Road.

And when the first stage was completed in October, Gregg learned the rehabilitation work wasn't enough.

"It became obvious that we needed to do more sooner rather than later because of the concerns of residents in Carmel Valley, which are no different than our concerns," Gregg said. Many residents expressed alarm by writing letters to local papers, calling the county planning department and speaking at meetings of the Carmel Valley Land Use Advisory Committee.

At Gregg's bidding, Paul Kephart, consulting biologist for Rana Creek — which is located several miles east of Carmel Valley Village — devised an extensive habitat restoration plan for the area now known as Coyote Cañon.

"Our approach was to simulate the native plant communi-

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More oppose Carmel Valley incorporation, critic reports

By MARY BROWNFIELD

AN INFORMAL survey of residents' opinions about the possible incorporation of Carmel Valley has turned up two additional hotbeds of opposition: Carmel Valley Ranch and two valley business districts. The results of the poll were made public by Carmel Views resident Bob Sinotte, who has been spearheading the anti-cityhood movement.

According to Sinotte, about 40 percent of the property owners among the seven associations at Carmel Valley Ranch returned survey cards to the government office overseeing the incorporation effort. Of those, 102 were opposed, representing 80 percent of the respondents. Sixteen — 13 percent — favored creating a new city in Carmel Valley, and 10 (8 percent) were undecided.

Seventy-two business people at the mouth of the valley and at mid-valley also responded, with 64 (89 percent) opposed, two (3 percent) in favor and six (8 percent) undecided.

Those latest respondents joined the 450 from seven neighborhoods who returned their survey cards late last year and also came out heavily opposed to a town or city.

"It doesn't require an advanced degree in political science to see there's an overwhelming opposition to incorporation," Sinotte said.

But Max Tadlock, spokesman for the group currently gathering signatures to get the Local Agency Formation Commission to study the feasibility of incorporating Carmel Valley, labeled the poll "unscientific."

"To talk about percentages of small numbers has very little meaning," he said. Tadlock and other Carmel Valley Forum members examined the cards on file with LAFCO and found some arrived from out of town or even out of state.

"It's a foolish mixed bag and it doesn't tell anyone anything," he said.

Tadlock said volunteers "are feeling pretty sanguine" about their petition drive, as they are on track to gather significantly more signatures than the 25 percent of registered voters required to initiate an incorporation application with LAFCO.

"We're trying to get people focused on getting the information," he said. "Then we can really begin to talk about what's valid and what's not."

Meanwhile, Sinotte said he and fellow incorporation opponents are polling 767 Carmel Valley Village property owners and hope to have results from that query by

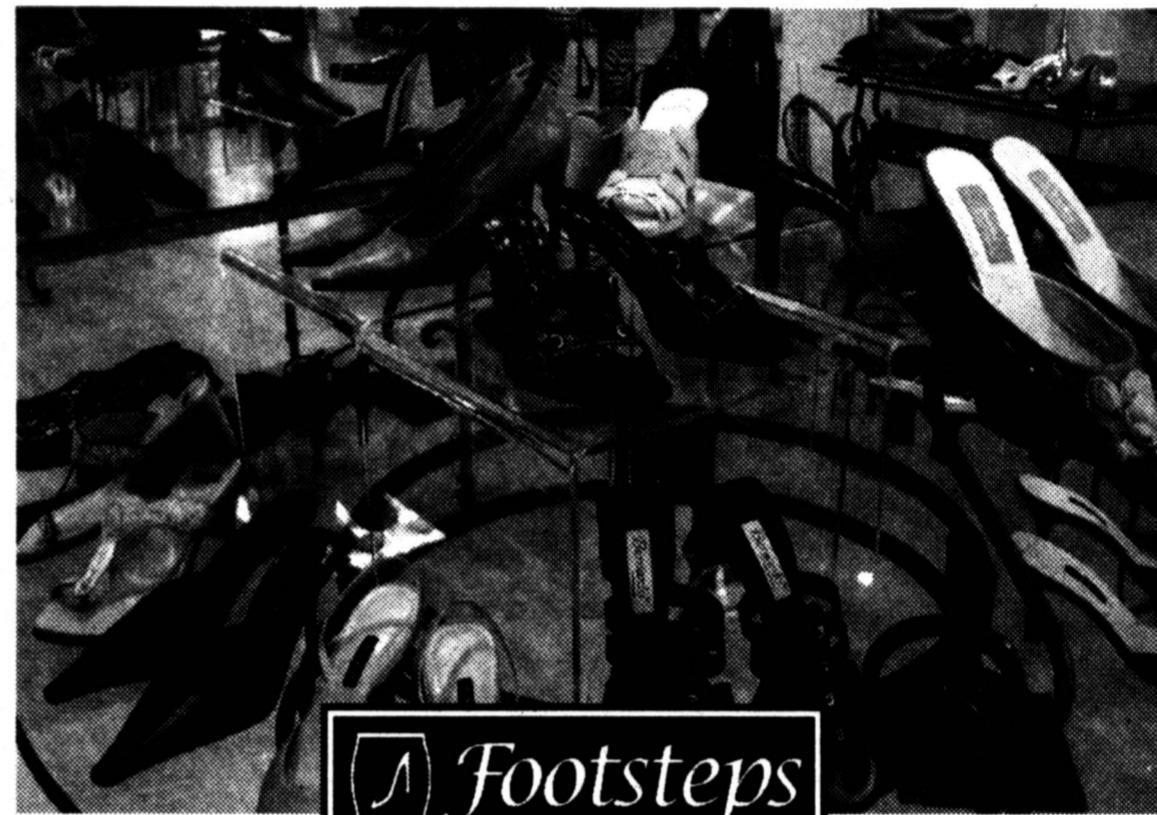
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"If there is support for incorporation anywhere in the valley, it must be coming from the village area," he said.

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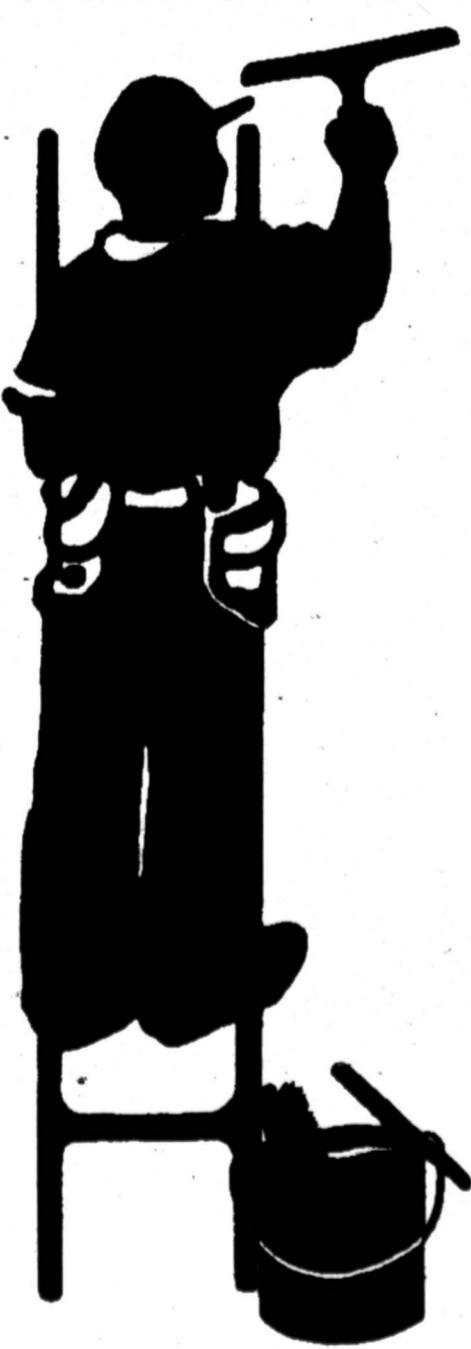
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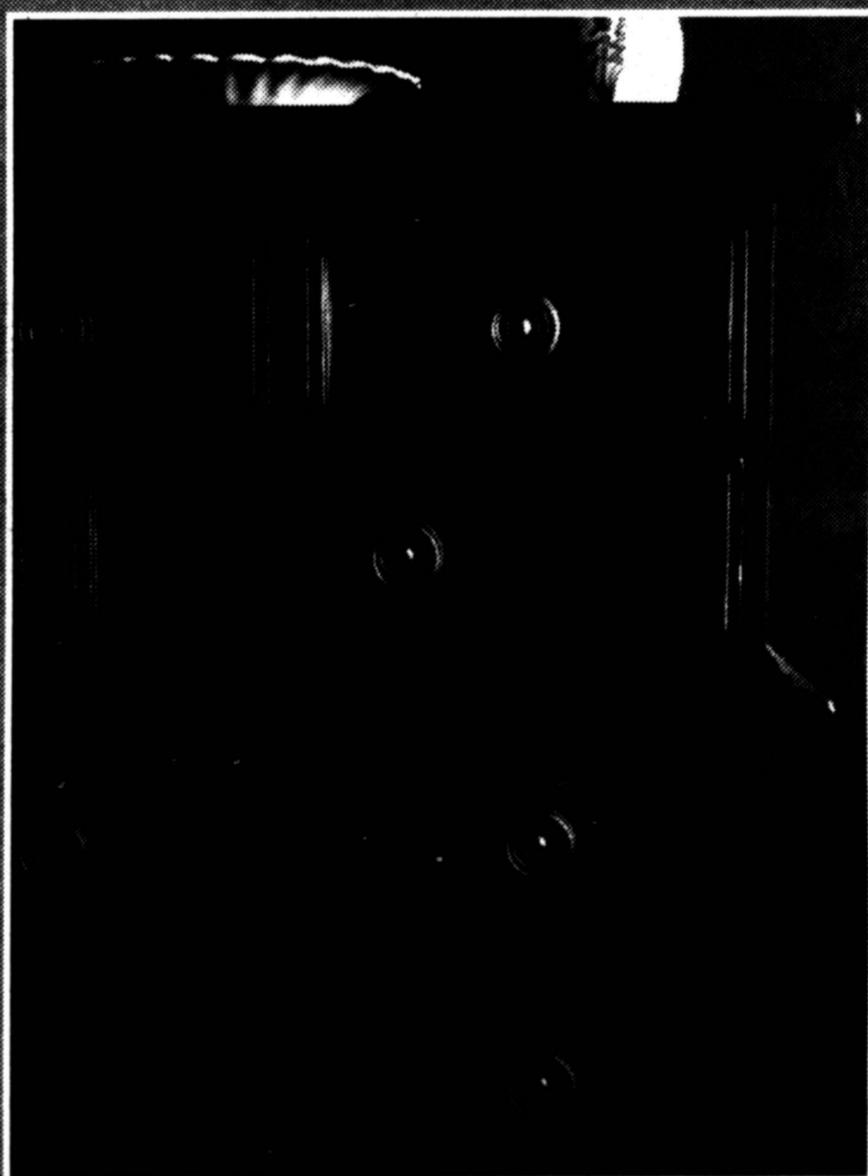
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She is survived by three daughters, Sally Goss of Carmel, Kathleen Blake of Corona del Mar and Joan Kintz of Maine, and a son, Kenneth, of Carlsbad; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Roy

McLean.

Remembrances may be sent to the Carmel Foundation, the SPCA or Animal Rescue.

EVELYN "BUNNY" OUTCALT, who with her husband Miller Outcalt founded and operated the Kalt Corporation, a national distributor of photographic supplies, died Jan. 9 at age 90.

Born in Florida, she attended UCLA for one year and worked in the advertising department of a newspaper in Florida prior to marrying Mr. Outcalt 58 years ago. Mrs. Outcalt served as vice president and general manager of their company from 1960 to 1980.

After moving from Santa Monica to Carmel 13 years ago, the Outcals donated the funds to build the Outcalt Chapel of the Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula, of which they were members. They were also significant donors to the Carmel Foundation and were members of the Church of the Wayfarer. Mrs. Outcalt enjoyed photography as a hobby.

She is survived by her husband.

Memorials are suggested to the Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula, the Church of the Wayfarer or the Carmel Foundation.



RUTH "SIS" RENNELS, a Carmel resident since 1952, died Jan. 9 at age 82.

A native of Moose Lake, Minn., she worked summers as a youth at her family's summer resort on the lake, Hart's Old Thyme Coffee House and Resort. Her father was mayor of Moose Lake and served in the Minnesota State Legislature for 28 years.

She graduated from the University of Minnesota and married John H. Rennels, Sr. in 1944. He preceded her in death Aug. 18, 2002.

Mrs. Rennels was active in the Republican Women's Club, Episcopal Church, the League of Women Voters, Gamma Phi Beta, Girl Scouting, Children's Home Society and the 20-40 Club.

Mrs. Rennels is survived by a daughter, Susan Brown of Bainbridge Island, Wash.; her son, John Jr. of Fremont; and two grandchildren.

Memorials are suggested to All Saints Episcopal Church in Carmel-by-the-Sea.

RODNEY GRAVES SNYDER, who worked for Southern Pacific Transportation Company in San Francisco for 35 years, died Jan. 10. He was 66.

For 28 years Mr. Snyder and his wife, Gretchen, lived and raised their family in Palo Alto. They retired to Pebble Beach in 1999.

Mr. Snyder is survived by his wife and three children, Jennifer, Matthew and Kathleen.

MARIAN MARKARIAN RICKLEFS, 91, who played a key role in helping Robert Louis Stevenson School survive its infancy and grow into a well-known preparatory school, died Jan. 10 in Carmel Valley. Besides serving as head of the school's foreign language department in its early years, she was the wife of school founder Robert U. Ricklefs, who also served as the first headmaster of RLS.

Born in Worcester, Mass., Mrs. Ricklefs graduated from UC Berkeley and resided in Pebble Beach from 1952 to 1987, when she moved to the Carmel Valley Manor retirement community. She belonged to the Church in the Forest in Pebble Beach.

Mrs. Ricklefs is survived by her sons Robert E. of St. Louis, a professor of biology at the University of Missouri; and Roger U. of New York, a retired editor at The Wall Street Journal.

Memorials are suggested to the Robert U. Ricklefs Scholarship Fund at the Stevenson School.

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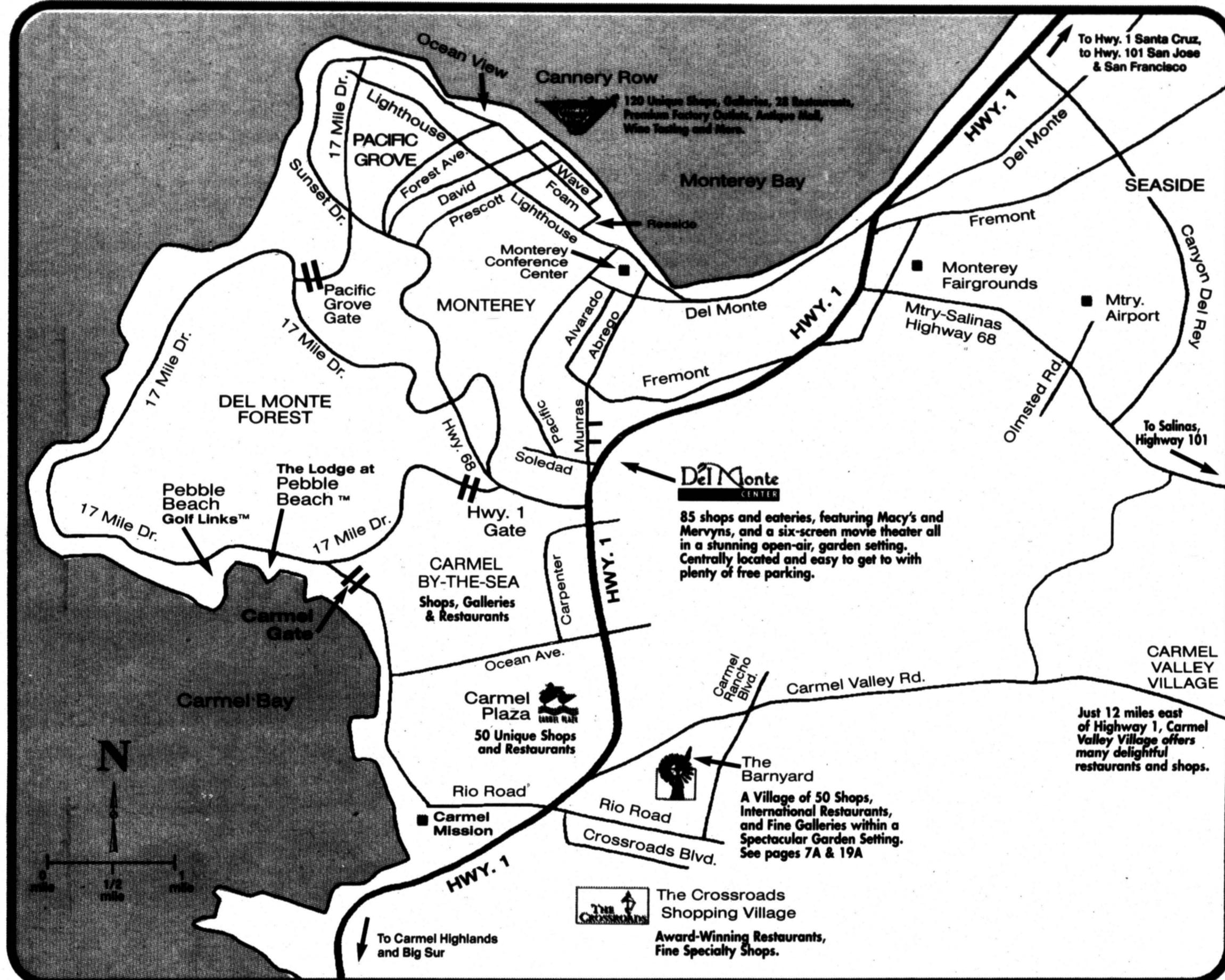
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SWEETHEART'S DANCE BENEFITS WORTHY CAUSE

EAGLE'S WING Children's Sanctuary is a Monterey residential care facility providing homes for teens who are survivors of life-threatening neglect and abuse. In a repeat performance of last year's successful fundraiser, local blues bands **Red Beans & Rice** and **The Blue Tones** will perform at the second annual SweetHearts Dance to be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Seaside on Friday, Feb. 14. The event will also feature an Argentine tango demonstration, a raffle and a silent auction.

Last year's event raised enough money to make a down payment on a house that will provide housing for six boys and this year funds will go towards the first year of operation. Tickets are \$30 per person and are available at Do Re Mi Music and at the door. For more information call 646-2442.

Sly McFly's presents a special Valentine's weekend of music. Friday night, Feb. 14, San Jose blues guitarist **Rene Solis** and his band the **Persuaders** appear with special guest

artist, harmonica ace **Gary Smith**. Performing for the first time ever at Sly's, the **Unknown Jeromes** promise a funk-filled night of music and dance. Featuring founding members **Jason M. Tabosa** on drums and **Richard Hall** on vocals and keyboards, the UJs play an eclectic mix of funk, acid jazz, r & b and hip hop. The group's 1999 CD release, "What's Your Style," received a good dose of college airplay on the West Coast and spawned a tour that landed them gigs at Hollywood's prestigious Troubadour and the Great American Music Hall in San Francisco. A band best heard live, the return of the Unknown Jeromes is a party waiting to happen.

Fine arts roundup

JAPANESE WORKS on paper (1700s to the early 1900s) continue to be shown through March 14 at the **Park Branch of Harrison Memorial Library**, Sixth and Mission, Carmel-by-the-Sea. They may be viewed 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays.

ROBERT BUELTEMAN's photographic works continue on exhibit in the Fireside Lounge salon at The Highlands Inn, 120 Highlands Drive, Carmel through March 1. Most of the exhibit is composed of stunning

Peter Shaffer's 'Black Comedy' bows at Magic Circle Center

WHAT: This award-winning farce from the author of "Amadeus" is directed by Jack Stauffer and features (back row, left to right) Paul Sallabedra, Dawn Flood, Jay Hudson and Jennifer Forbes and (front row) Heather Griffin, Erik Petersen and Robert Colter.

WHEN: Friday's opening is sold out. "Black Comedy" continues at 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays through March 16. On Sunday, Feb. 16, Magic Circle will present the play with a champagne and hors d'oeuvres cast party after the show.

WHERE: Magic Circle Center, 8 El Caminito in Carmel Valley Village

COST: \$20 general; \$17 members, students, seniors and military. Sunday's gala is specially priced at \$70 per couple, \$35 per person

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CITIZEN OF THE YEAR IN PLURAL

THIS YEAR'S annual Carmel Residents Association **Citizen of the Year** award was bestowed in duplicate — to honor a couple, Bill & Nancy Doolittle, particularly for the

... and by the way ...

FOR MANY centuries, the history of communication progressed along a logical continuum. Every invention that worked further accelerated the speed of contact between people who lived far apart.

Then, at some point in the 20th century, the logic began hiccupping erratically until the continuum resembled the zig-zag trace of a seismograph.

Consider some personal examples:

One morning I was supposed to meet a colleague. But he suddenly disappeared — absent from home and from work. Some hours later I had to call a mutual colleague in Ohio, who asked me, "How's Ben

feeling?" I asked. "Why?" His wife was taking him to the doctor," was the reply. "Huh?" Sure enough, it took a person living across the country to tell me my buddy a mile away had put his back out.

Another time, late one night, I got a frantic call from my sister in Switzerland. "Are you all right?" she asked. "Sure, why?" I asked, puzzled. "CNN here said you guys had an earthquake!" she replied, impatiently. "Huh?" (Such stuff keeps me constantly confused.)

And email that has replaced walking a few steps to next door? You can bet future anthropologists will have a field day with that one!



Pine Needles

By Sissi Maleki



Devoted Carmelites Bill and Nancy Doolittle were honored by their peers.

took several years for it [the Sunset renovation] to gel and for the community to realize we weren't going away!" half-joked Nancy . . . **Clay & Linda Anderson** were proud parents recounting how their dog, Pal, had caught the attention of a TV camera during the AT&T . . . **Morley Brown** caught up with **Erl Lagerholm** . . . **Janet McTurk** brought along mom Mary . . . **Carol Hilburn** and **Jean Southern** kept busy as volunteer hostesses . . . Former award recipient **John Hicks** was teased for having proper shoes on this day, an allusion to his consternation at being in sneakers the day of his award . . . **Dick & Barbara Stiles** were recovering from a full house over the holidays, during which they sometimes had 25 for dinner in their small Carmel home . . . Others seen: **Judy Furman**, **Marv Silverman**, **Lou & Elizabeth Ungaretti**, **Peggy Purchase**, **Connie & Jim Wright**, **Anita Lister**, **Jacquie Frazier**, **Jim & Catherine Bell**, **Howard & Zaza Skidmore**, **Dave & Wendy Banks**, **Mary Condry**, and politicians **Sam Farr**, **Dave Potter**, **Sue McCloud**, **Dick Ely** and **Barbara Livingston**.



PHOTOS/SISSI MALEKI

Jean Mahoney, Fleece Dennis and Olena Zenova modeled antique outfits for the Carmel Woman's Club reception.

■ Victoriana helps celebrate centennial

The Carmel Woman's Club hosted one of this year's "100 Years In Paradise" commemorations of Carmel with a gala program of music and poetry. This was further enhanced with a tea buffet using Alice Goulding's gorgeous silver tea set, and Dolores Gunia's spectacular collection of largely Victorian outfits, modeled by Fleece Dennis, Jean Mahoney, Vicki Spranza and Dolores' good friend, Russian ballerina Olena Zenova, and others. Seen there: Von Rilling, Joan McHenry, Janet and Lee Keenes, Dale Lefler, Sarah Behrning, Dr. Ingrid Wekerle, Carol Todd, Helen Stoll and Jo Rogers.

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Chef Sherman Johnson cooks with passion at Rio Grill

EXECUTIVE CHEF Sherman Johnson has immersed himself in "warm weather belt" food prep for years, and has created a cuisine he refers to as Southwest California bistro — with some Asian influence. Indonesia, Southeast Asia, California, Southwestern, Caribbean, Middle Eastern, Creole, Spanish, and Italian cooking all use the same herbs, he says, and so these cuisines can be blended innovatively.

Over the years he's cheffed in Key West, Florida, Arizona, Costa Rica, the Virgin Islands, California and Las Vegas — and has decided that California is the best. Johnson regards his culinary creations as an art form about which he is very passionate. He said Rio

Grill proprietor Tony Tollner is a great boss to work for because "he allows you freedom of expression."

Executive chefs in Tollner's other two restaurants — Michael Kimmel and Tony Baker of Tarpy's Roadhouse and Montrio Bistro respectively, both in Monterey — have told Morgan the same thing.

Early Saturday evening, with almost all 130 seats filled — for that is the capacity of the Rio Grill, including the 50-seat Santa Fe Room — service was timely, but not rushed, even though there were to be three seatings that busy night following the end of the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am golf tournament.

Knowledgeable waiter

Our waiter, Scott, answered all our questions knowledgeably, and suggested an Edna Valley Vineyard Pinot Noir when we asked his opinion. It was a great choice, although a little costly at \$11.75 a glass. Chef told us, in our telephone interview on Monday, when he's dining at a new restaurant, he tells the waiter what he likes to drink, then asks, "What do you like to drink?" He says he gets some great suggestions that way.

It may seem to readers who are partial to meat dishes that this column comments on fish entrées perhaps a little too often, but we can't seem to resist the abundance and variety of fresh fish offered in so many of our finer restaurants — fish not

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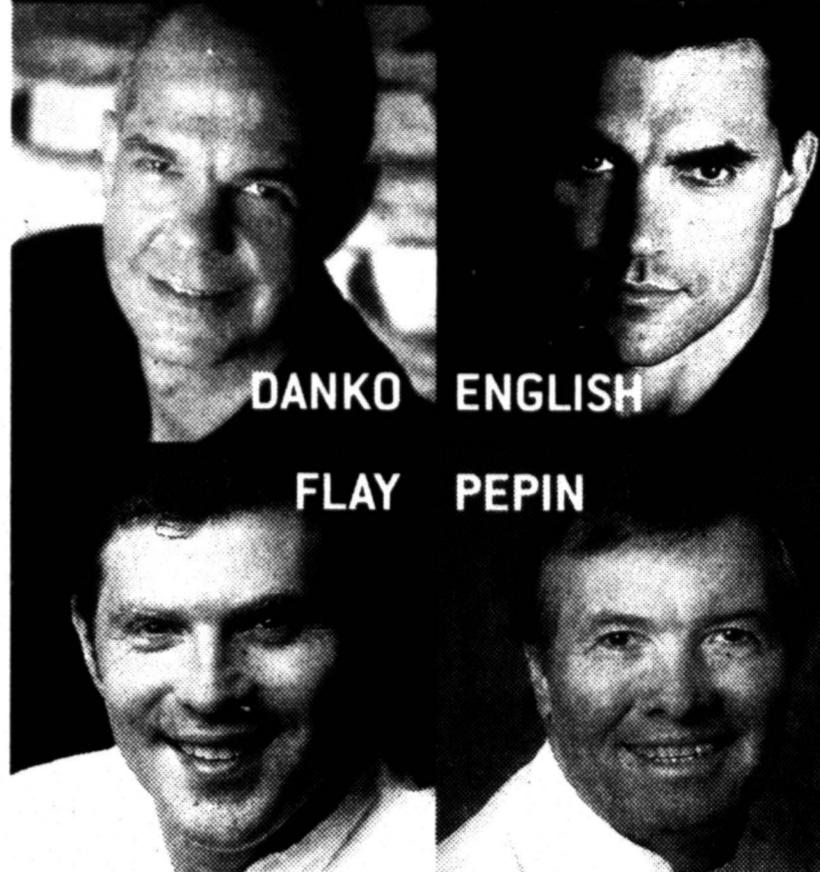
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'Renaissance Man' Doc Ricketts comes to life in a book of letters

WE'RE BACK on Cannery Row again this week, with a new book that brings **Doc Ricketts** to life through his correspondence.

John Steinbeck's closest friend, whom he immortalized in "Cannery Row," "Sweet Thursday," and "Sea of Cortez," was a central figure in the development of 20th century scientific thought.

Edited by Steinbeck scholar **Katharine A. Rodger**, "**Renaissance Man of Cannery Row: The Life and Letters of Edward F. Ricketts**," reveals the insights of an accomplished scientist, writer and philosopher who died at the age of 51 in 1948.

There are 125 previously unpublished Ricketts' letters in this fascinating book published by The University of Alabama Press. The biologist's profound involvement with ecological conservation examined marine life in "The Sea of

Cortez," and his handbook on Pacific marine life, "Between Pacific Tides," is still in print and in its fifth edition.

These letters to family and friends add dimension to Steinbeck's humorous and almost loving depictions of Doc Ricketts in his novels.

Rodger, who has written an introduction and a biographical sketch of Ricketts in the book, will present a slide-illustrated lecture at 2 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 15 at The Monterey Public Library, 625 Pacific St., Monterey, followed by a booksigning. The slide/lecture is free, but reservations must be made by calling 646-3949, or e-mail mccombs@ci.monterey.ca.us. The 283-page hardback book retails for \$39.95 and will be available for purchase at the library lecture through The Thunderbird Bookshop.

POETS ED Jarvis, a chiropractor, and **John Schatz**, a cardiologist, will read from their respective works of poetry at 7 tonight, Friday, Feb. 14, at the Thunderbird Bookshop, 3600 The Barnyard, Carmel. There is a \$5 admission to this event sponsored by the National Writers Union Local 7. For information, call John Laue at 684-0854.

FRIENDS OF THE HARRISON MEMORIAL LIBRARY will hold its annual meeting at 2 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 16 at the Church of the Wayfarer, corner of Lincoln and Seventh, Carmel-by-the-Sea, to which all are invited. **Ollie Collins** will be the guest speaker. Her subject is "The Pleasure of Silver Oddities

and Fancies." Free. Refreshments will be served.

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FRAN VARDAMIS, Carmel-by-the-Sea author (you may remember her exciting "Russian Doll" spy thriller set in Greece reviewed in this column several years ago), has written a sequel bringing back Greek police captain Yannis Lavonis. This new book, also published by Silk Label Books, Unionville, N.Y., will be reviewed here within the next month. In the meantime, the author is addressing the **Central Coast Branch of the California Writers Club** at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 18 in the Barnyard Community Center (adjacent to From Scratch Restaurant) to discuss her experience as a writer and becoming published. Various pasta entrées or pizza, salads and soft drinks will be available at a charge of \$10. For information and to RSVP, call Georgia Hubley at 625-2965.



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ARTS ROUNDUP

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black and white photos, but there are some of Buelteman's electric color photos of energy passing through flowers.

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ARMIN HANSEN paintings, "Restless Seas," is permanently showcased at the Monterey Museum of Arts' La Mirada museum, 720 Via Mirada from the 67 painting collection of Jane and Justin Dart, gifted to the museum in 1983.

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always readily available in local markets.

We started dinner sharing an order of excellent darkly crisp Monterey Bay squid rings and tentacles served with an orange-sesame vinaigrette (\$5.50). Calamari is our tried-and-true restaurant kitchen touchstone.

Saturday, my dinner companion selected pumpkin seed crusted salmon (\$18.75) with chipotle-lime vinaigrette, roasted red pepper potato cakes and fresh green beans.

I selected pan-seared escolar (\$18), flown in from Hawaii that very day. It's a white, sweet, tender fish and yet has substance; it's also known as butterfish. Garnished with a single deep fried mussel in tempura batter, the escolar was served with a chopped mussel and sundried tomato velouté over an unusual and tasty black barley pilaf with tropical fruit slaw. Crisp sugar peas completed the presentation.

The Rio Grill's dinner menu offers nine appetizers, ranging from \$5.50 to \$7.95; and six salads (\$6.95 - \$11.85). The entrées are listed by method of preparation: "From the wood-burning oven" — (duck, pork and chicken, \$15.95 - \$20.45); "From the grill" — fish, gulf prawns, prime New York steak, pork and flat iron steak, (\$16.25 - \$28.45); and "From the pan" — pasta, salmon, chicken breast, (\$13.95 - \$18.65).

Sandwiches are available at dinner, too: grilled hamburgers or cheeseburgers; grilled eggplant with peppers, fontina and watercress; and turkey breast (\$7.95 - \$9.85). A variety of tempting sides and condiments are also offered.

Desserts range from \$5 to \$7.

The wine list is outstanding and received the Wine Spectator's award of excellence. Fine California wines predominate, with a few select French, New Zealand, Australian and Italian wines. Numerous "little bottles" and eight wines

by the glass are always available.

The luncheon menu offers appetizers, salads, sandwiches, entrées, and sides and condiments at prices approximately the same as the dinner menu, with a few entrées running a little less than the night prices.

Great pluses at the Rio Grill are the decor and ambience: Light salmon-colored walls are a perfect foil for Southwest art and for large, amusing sculptures, such as coyotes and colorful gila monsters.

Festive ambiance

What we find particularly attractive (and practical) are the nooks which divide the five areas of the restaurant proper, rendered interactive by cut-out arches in the thick, adobe-like divider walls in Southwest style. Diners can see other diners in the various spaces: No one is completely walled off, which creates an airy and even festive ambience.

The bar is one of the nicest in Carmel, and one may lunch or dine there, too, at small tables.

The Rio Grill has been in operation for 19 years. This is a beautifully run restaurant, with general manager Will Kilbourne overseeing its operation. Every day the restaurant

does a pre-shift rundown of specials of the day with the waitstaff, indicating which wines especially complement the menu offerings.

The menu is nicely thought out, with something for almost everyone: Chef Sherman says his signature dishes include the smoked chicken; penne pasta with Gulf prawns; smoked baby back ribs; and an entrée-size Chinese chicken salad (\$11.85 at both lunch and dinner) composed of 4 oz. of chicken breast, baby greens, curried carrots, candied almonds, home-made pickled ginger, and vermicelli noodles in soy sauce, brown sugar and crushed chilies — all tossed with a tahini dressing.

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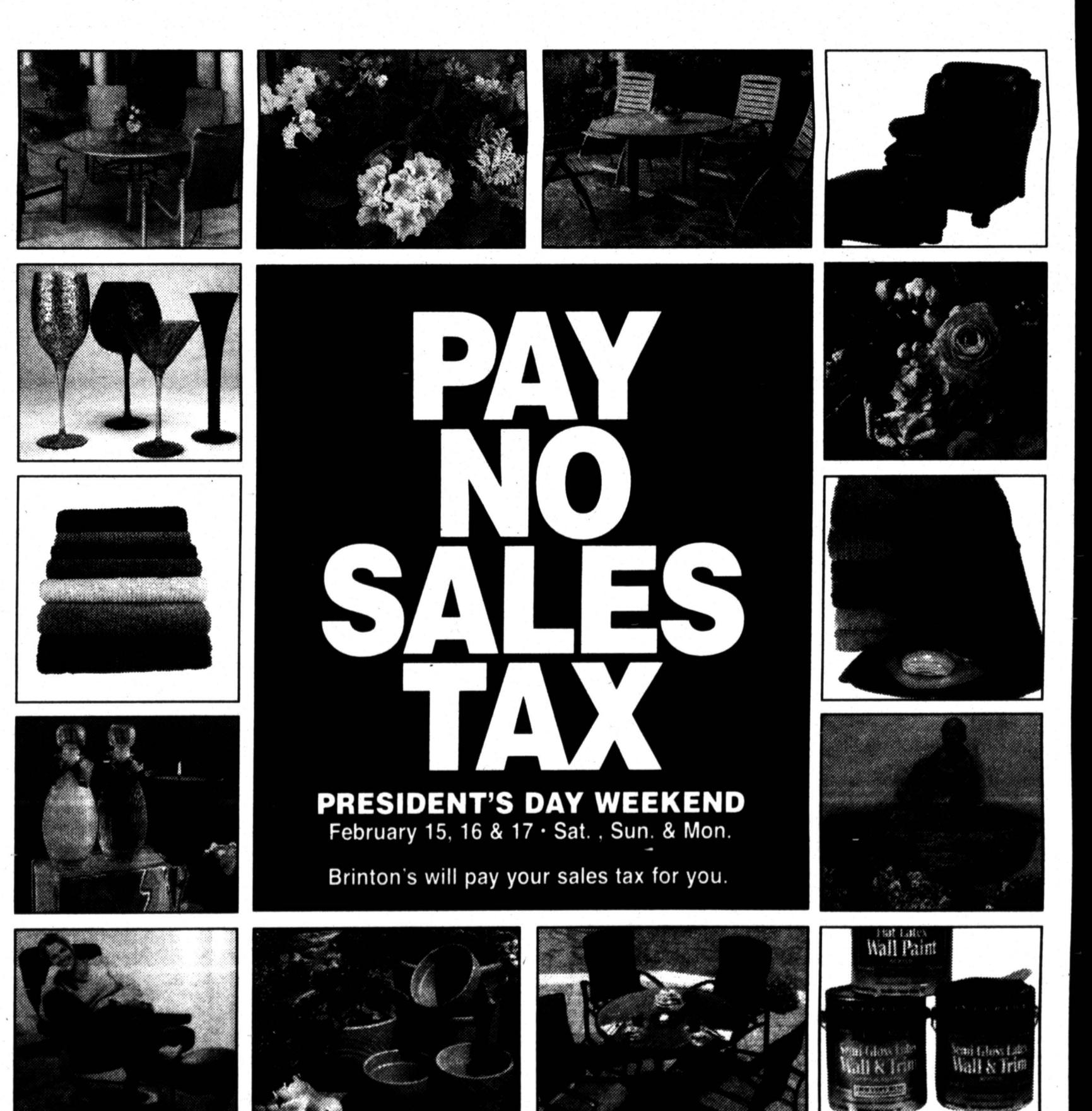
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CHURCH

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The church is bringing in a professional mediator, knowledgeable about sexual misconduct, to work with the congregation, Shamana said. Thursday night the church leadership planned to conduct a preliminary, private meeting with the mediator.

In a written statement, Elsea said her ministry had been well received since she

had been appointed in July 2001 and she hopes to continue at the church.

"It is my belief that as Christian people we can and should work together toward being a community of love and forgiveness, especially in the midst of crisis," Elsea stated. "This is our call as Christ-centered people."

Elsea declined to further discuss the matter, but encouraged the whole congregation to take part in the upcoming mediation.

Disturbing news

The congregation of Church of the Wayfarer was blindsided by the Jan. 27 Capitola incident in which Lee was cited for allegedly masturbating in his car in view of three teenage girls who were nearby.

Several days later, after discovering Lee had been twice convicted of indecent exposure, the Capitola Police Department and both Monterey County and Santa Cruz County sheriffs departments arrested Lee at the parsonage on Mesa Drive in Carmel, said Bill Aluffi, community service officer with the Capitola Police Department.

Aluffi said Lee had been convicted of the same crime in both Sacramento and San Jose and had served a few months of jail time in Santa Clara County.

Berling said Lee's behavior is the result

of mental illness, a bipolar disorder.

While Berling and other church leaders did not know about Lee's record, two of the

members of the California-Nevada cabinet

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RUSHAD

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lin, the guitar and the mandolin.

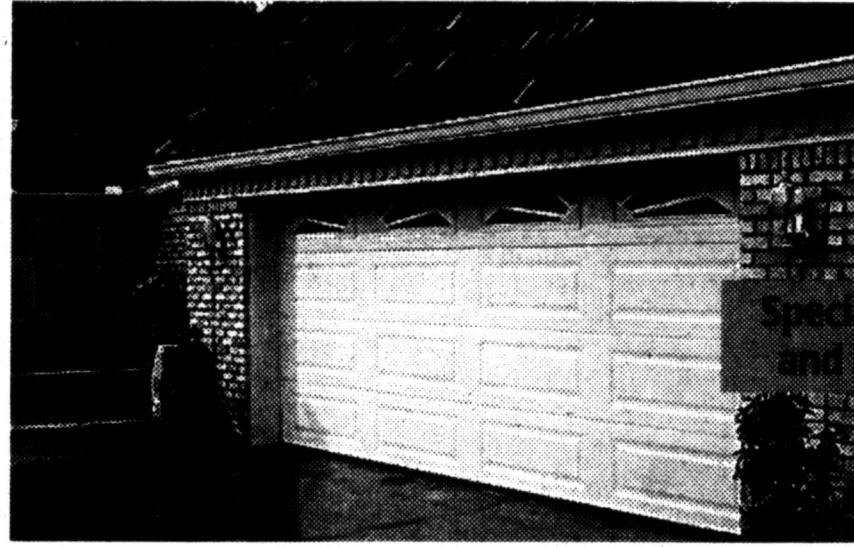
This weekend, Eggleston will be performing with Darol Anger in three concerts in California: Saturday in San Francisco, Sunday in Santa Cruz and Tuesday in Berkeley. (Details at www.darolanger.com.)

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Editorial

Price of frogs' legs hits all-time high

STATE WATER bureaucrats had better have nerves of steel if they want to see a desal plant built at Moss Landing to supply the Monterey Peninsula with water.

Because when the public finds out just how much it's going to cost to build and operate that desal plant, they're not going to like it.

Especially when they stop and consider that virtually all the benefit of the desal plant will flow to the wildlife of Carmel Valley. No less than \$100 million will be spent up front, plus \$5 million to \$10 million per year — not to supply this community of 250,000 people with water, but to replace the water they already have with water from a more environmentally-friendly source.

First of all, it's wonderful that we live in a country where such a thing can even be contemplated.

But is it worth it? Especially considering the lowly state of the economy, and government budgets in particular.

- Carmel school officials, for example, were horrified recently to learn that Governor Davis' deficit-driven budget would cut local school funding by \$11 million.

- City officials worried how to make up a \$344,000 shortfall due to state cutbacks.

- The coastal commission decided to eliminate one day of meetings a month — saving \$144,000 per year.

- Etcetera, etcetera, etcetera.

Considering all the cutbacks, should \$100 million be spent to improve the local habitat of two species (the steelhead trout and the red-legged frog) that exist all over the state and are merely "threatened," but aren't "endangered"? Are there cheaper steps — putting more reclaimed water into the Carmel River lagoon, shifting wells to the lower valley and regulating the annual breaching of the sandbar — that would offer sufficient protection to the trout and the frogs?

And what about the impacts of the desal plant? If it were proposed on its own — instead of as an alternative to the hated dam — environmental activists would stay up late figuring out how to stop it.

On top of all that uncertainty, there's the frustrated and powerless state of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District, which voters said last fall they don't even want around any more.

- Cal-Am, for its part, just wants a solution. Desal, despite its high cost, the company's officials realize, is probably the most feasible solution out there. They also understand that moving a decision on the desal plant out of town — separating it from the bad-tasting water politics of the Monterey Peninsula — is the surest way to get the plant okayed. It also moves the decision on the desal plant as far as possible away from the people who will have to pay for it. That's why the California Public Utilities Commission is being asked to take the lead in approving a desal plant for the Monterey Peninsula.

BEST OF BATES



"No, HE owns the house. I just pay the mortgage."

Letters to the Editor

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Misleading flyer?

Dear Editor,

Safeway recently passed out a flyer from The Crossroads management to customers. While what is mentioned in the flyer is true, some of the facts are misleading because they omitted other facts.

The flyer mentioned that the project had "received a 5-0 vote in favor of the project by the Carmel Area Land Use Advisory Committee." However, they omitted the fact that this committee has no jurisdiction over reviewing projects in The Crossroads.

The flyer omitted to mention that the

Carmel Valley Land Use Advisory Committee, which does have jurisdiction over reviewing projects at The Crossroads, voted 5-0 against the project with one abstention. The CVLUAC made its decision after extensive review of many issues affecting the project, including increased traffic impacts on the adjoining levee, potential flooding, recent failures in sub-surface soils of the parking lot and visual impacts.

The Carmel Area Committee made its recommendation with little public input. The Carmel Valley Committee took into account the presentation of a petition signed by more than 1,800 people indicating opposition to the proposed Safeway expansion. At three public hearings, many voiced concerns about how a relocated Safeway would no longer be in walking distance to Longs or other Crossroads stores. They said what Safeway needed was not a bigger store but a better store, not a bigger bakery or a bigger deli but better quality.

There has been no demonstrated need for an expanded Safeway store. If the project had been properly staked and flagged, the public would be amazed to see how massive the new store would be, 60 percent larger at seven feet higher than the existing store.

The flyer does contain facts, but the public would be better served if it had access to all the facts.

Joseph Hertlein, Chair, Carmel Valley Land Use Advisory Committee

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ARREST

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of the Methodist Church — in charge of placing Elsea in Carmel — did know.

Those officials "felt this was far enough in the past that it was in the best interest of the church [not to disclose it] and start out without bias," Berling explained. "We all felt it was the wrong judgment call, but it was based on reasonable compassion."

While steps had been taken to ensure that Lee took his medication and remained under the care of a psychiatrist, somewhere along the line "there was a disconnect," Berling said.

More fallout

In the days following the Bishop's announcement that Elsea should stay on at the church, the church witnessed more fallout.

Sandy Rosenbaum, who runs the after school program, "Musical Mondays," resigned. Rosenbaum and others said they felt betrayed they were never informed of Lee's problems.

"It's not that it happened," she said. "It's that it was hidden, not talked about, not in the open."

Rosenbaum said all 14 members of the choir signed a letter asking that Elsea not continue as minister of the church. The choir agreed only to sing for the next two Sunday services, leaving its future uncertain.

"Without action taken on the part of the church, after those two Sundays, the choir will not continue in its present form," Rosenbaum said.

Bishop Shamana said the news of Lee's mental problems and previous convictions

came as a surprise to her.

"Had I known, I would have told them [members of the congregation]," Shamana said.

At this point, Shamana believes it would be unwise to remove Elsea.

"It would be a significant interruption in the ministry that has already felt a strong interruption because of the situation related to her husband," Shamana said. "I appointed her, not her husband."

Uncertain future

For now, Lee has voluntarily withdrawn from the church and moved out of the parsonage. Mark O'Grady, who lives directly across the street from the parsonage, said he was relieved to learn of Lee's departure, but was concerned Lee may return in the future.

Soon after Lee's arrest was made public, O'Grady said 27 neighbors — nearly everyone on the block — signed a petition asking that Lee leave the neighborhood.

"The church placed Mr. Lee in my neighborhood and they were aware of his past," O'Grady said. "I almost admire the fact that the church tried to give someone a break. But the latest charge supports the fact that the decision was flawed."

The petition may have had some impact on the Church of the Wayfarer Foundation — the group that invests on behalf of the church.

The five-member investment committee of the foundation voted unanimously to investigate the possibility of selling the parsonage, according to committee chairman Ken Derrick.

"We will be meeting with our lawyer shortly to discuss the legal ramifications of this action," Derrick said, who declined to

elaborate on the issue.

Tough times ahead

For the last two weeks, the congregation has been in a state of flux. Ironically, Elsea had scheduled a vacation for the first two weeks of February, Berling said.

The vacation was canceled but guest ministers, who had already been scheduled to serve in Elsea's absence, preached at the last two Sunday services.

Elsea's appointment will again come up for review at the United Methodist Church's annual conference in July. Shamana explained that all appointments come up for review at that time.

For now, longtime members such as Ray Winsted said they'll abide by the bishop's decision.

"I spent 33 years in the military," Winsted said. "You can make all kinds of comments until the general makes the decision. Then we sit up straight and salute."

Other longtime members say it's not so easy to put the disturbing incident aside.

"It feels like the death of a relationship," said Linda Hanel. "There is a lot of mourning going on."

Berling acknowledged the days ahead for the church will be tough.

"Yes, I would like Madi to stay," he said. "I'm not sure if she can."

Carmel River flood discussion set

How much flood control do residents and business people near Carmel River want? And how much can they pay for? The general public and members of a group formed after the 1995 floods to help stop future flooding in Mission Fields and along Rio Road will discuss the \$3.4 million cost of flood prevention Feb. 19 from 7:15 to 9 p.m. in the Crossroads Community Room. For more information, visit <http://fp2k.redshift.com/bunnydidit/csa50>.

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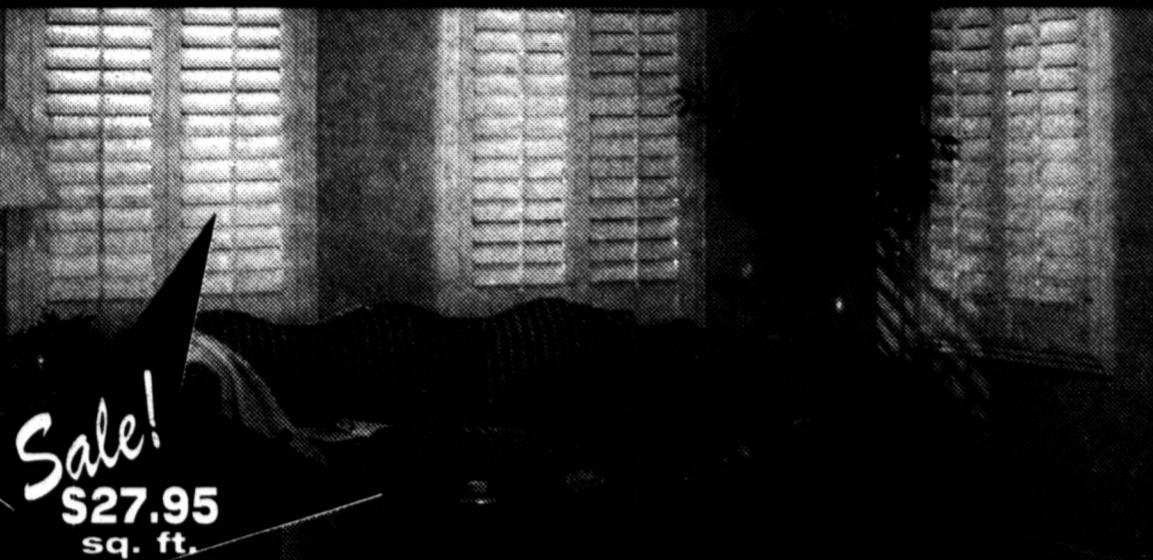
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At home Callie enjoys scrambled eggs for breakfast and for dinner, tucks



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into a meat or chicken entrée. Afterwards, she watches television with Mom and Dad and Monte Rey, her 12-year-old gray feline sister. Her other sister, Skeeter, an orange tabby who is closing in on 14, excuses herself and retires to her office, where she turns in early on an antique settee. Later, Callie and Monte Rey pile into Mom and Dad's bed for a cozy night's sleep.



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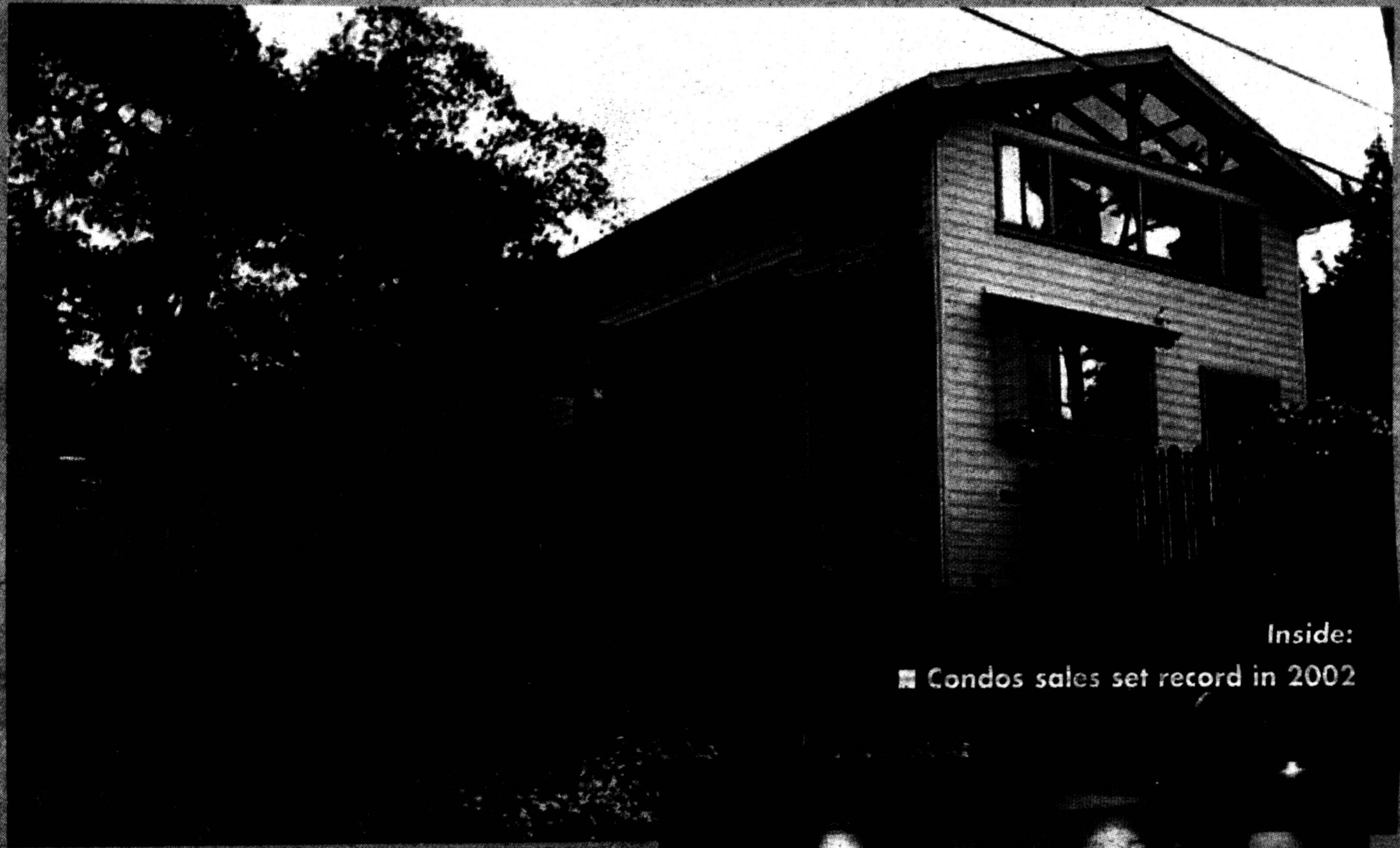


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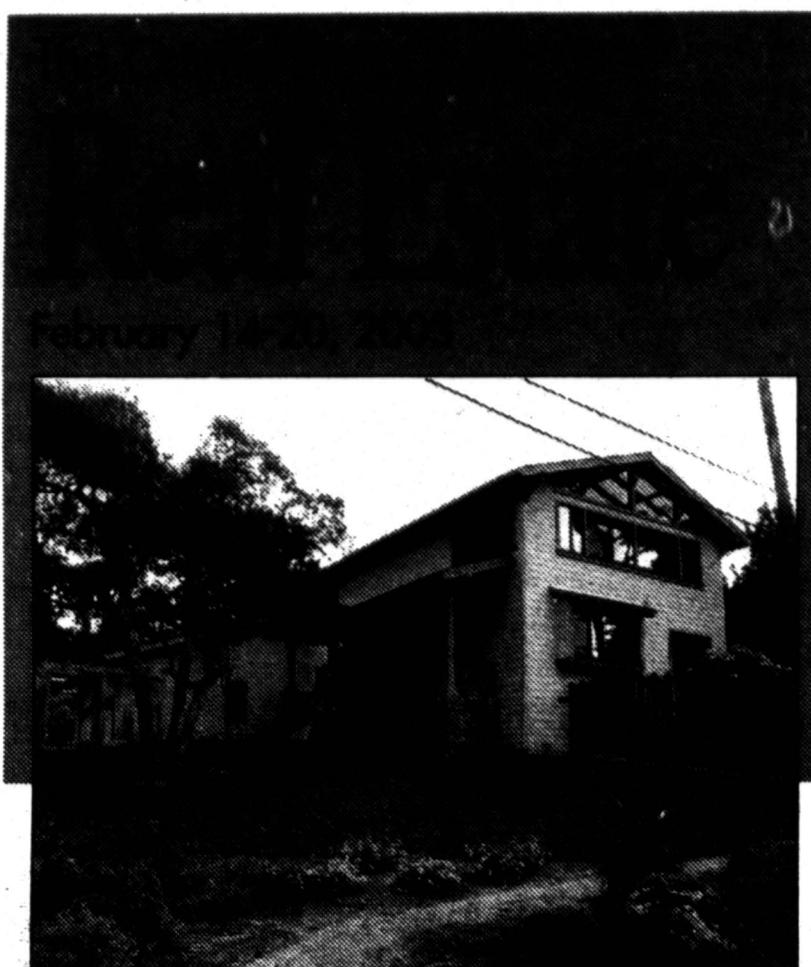
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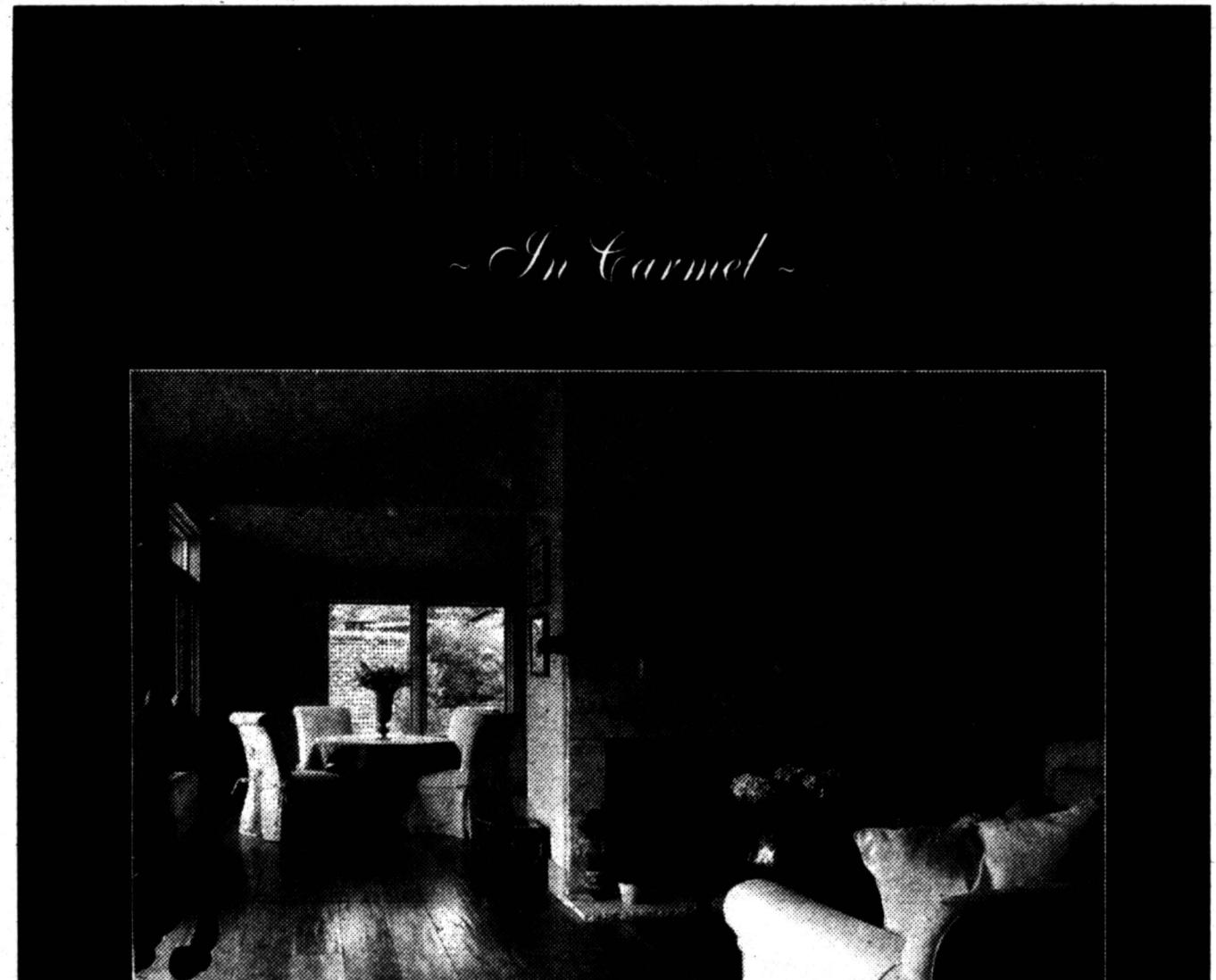
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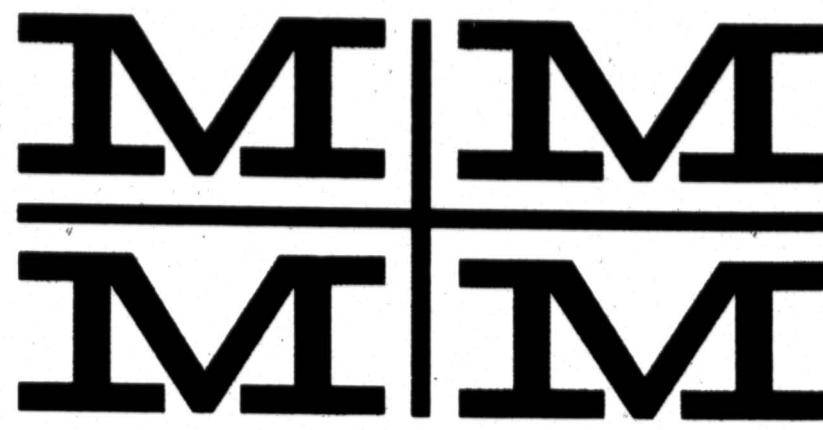
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from this exquisite new custom residence presiding over a large, landscaped parcel in the Carmel Point area. Larger than many Carmel homes, the 2,850 sf residence offers 5 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms and separate family & living rooms, each with a beautiful fireplace.

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Carmel-by-the-Sea—Just three blocks to town from this lovingly remodeled three bedroom, two bath home with ocean views. Quality and charm exudes throughout with warm wood floors, top-of-the-line appliances, jacuzzi tub and steam shower and slate decking with bowed wrought iron rails. Living room/dining room combo with fireplace, office, extra storage and a one car garage.

\$1,495,000 624-0136

PEBBLE BEACH—Offering ocean views in a desirable location near the Lodge, this gently sloping lot along Padre Lane includes water with plans and permits ready to break ground on a spectacular new five bedroom, five and one half bath residence. The home is designed with an expansive kitchen and family room, grand master suite, formal dining and living rooms, den and a four car garage.

\$2,750,000 624-6482

CARMEL—Newly constructed and located in the heart of Carmel's coveted "golden rectangle" is this exceptional home nestled on an oversized lot, amongst majestic oaks and four lovely private patios. The finest materials adorn this home, plaster walls with faux finishes, hand hewn beams, travertine limestone floors, and antiqued pine cabinetry. The beauty of this home continues outside to the beautifully manicured English gardens.

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CARMEL VALLEY—Superbly updated custom three bedroom, two bath home on a level one acre. Beautiful tiled courtyard entry, new windows and doors, hardwood maple floors and Berber carpet throughout. Family kitchen features sunny breakfast area, while formal dining room overlooks sunken living room with high open beams. Lush grounds with barn and corral. Room for pool/tennis.

\$1,195,000 659-2267



CARMEL VALLEY~\$1,449,000

Architectural masterpiece by Alan Turpen, remodeled by present owner to fully take advantage of the breathtaking, panoramic, unobstructed views. All main living areas on main floor with a large guest area, bonus room and bathroom downstairs. Separate enclosed lap pool with plans to convert to a guest house. Easy access to Salinas-Monterey Highway and Carmel Valley. A truly dramatic home!

659-2267



PACIFIC GROVE~\$1,795,000

Magnificently alive with elaborate craftsmanship and intriguing architectural flourishes, this home of approx. 2,600 sq. ft. with ocean views combines elegance with California ease, echoing achievement and individuality. This three bedroom, two bath Victorian farmhouse boasts amenities of red spruce wood floors, window and baseboard moldings, gourmet kitchen, Enkobol living room carved mantle and a three stop elevator. Offering a new dimension in luxury living!

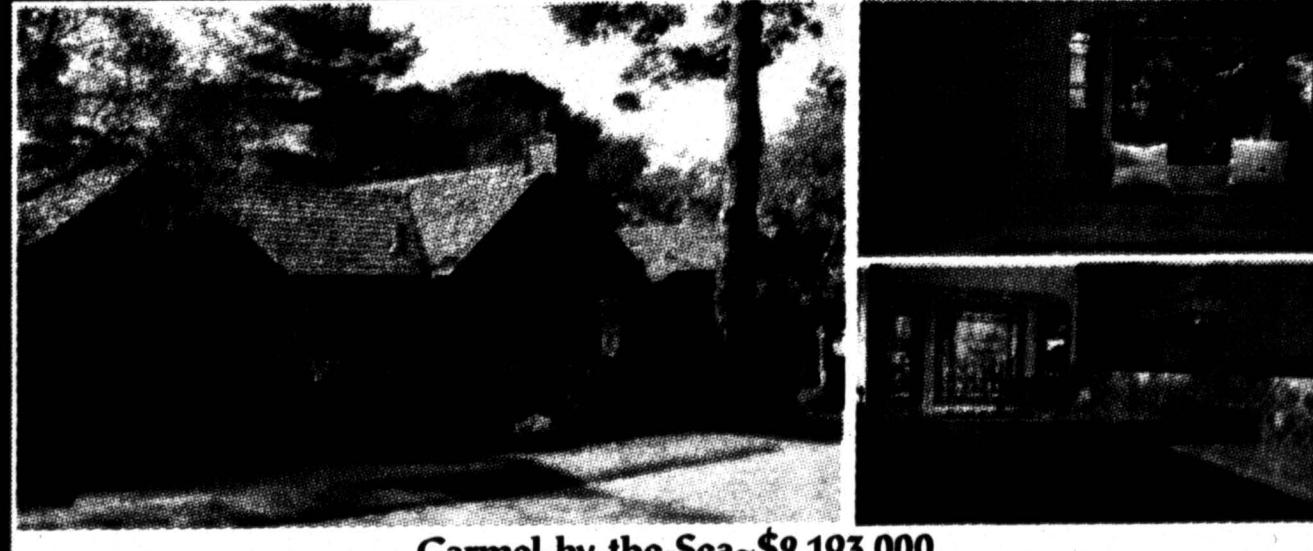
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MONTEREY/SALINAS HWY—This three plus bedroom, three and one half bath home is one of the best Corral de Tierra has to offer! Located on a morning sun drenched hillside, overlooking the Pastoral Valley and Mount Toro is this spacious home with soaring vaulted ceilings, quality materials, master suite with deck and hot tub plus a separate downstairs suite with kitchen area and bath.

\$1,195,000 659-2267

PACIFIC GROVE—Located in a desirable gated community with a lake and tennis court. This light-filled Creekside townhome is a single level end unit with two bedrooms, two baths, living room with fireplace, separate dining room plus a den/office which can be used as a third bedroom. Great location -- close to shopping and restaurants of Pacific Grove.

646-2120



Carmel-by-the-Sea~\$2,193,000

Brand new authentic shingled Carmel beach house in center of the "Golden Rectangle". Just blocks to the beach and five blocks to town this home is filled with Carmel charm. Details: French doors, windows seat, soaring ceilings with hand-hewn beams, stone fireplace, nook and crannies and so much more. Gourmet kitchen, hardwood floors, travertine baths, large deck patios.

624-6482

Carmel-by-the-Sea—Historical Mediterranean Masterpiece, set in Carmel Stone steps from Carmel Beach. On three lots, graciously landscaped with privacy walls encompassing two courtyards. Entertain alfresco in the courtyard with outdoor fireplace and fountain. Features include: four bedrooms, five baths, an unbelievable wine cellar, a writer's loft, newly remodeled gourmet kitchen, artist's studio, three fireplaces, panoramic views, spacious verandas, and interior frescos.

\$6,800,000 624-0136

PEBBLE BEACH—Newly completed estate with guest quarters! On a level 2/3 acre lot on a desirable street near the Lodge is this fabulous four bedroom home with a completely renovated one bedroom guest apartment. A total of six fireplaces! There is a large den plus media room, separate office and a three car garage. This "Slaybaugh" project has the latest colors, finishes and appliances!

\$3,125,000 624-6482



CARMEL—Location! Location! Location! Within Carmel's "Golden Rectangle" on an over-sized corner lot is this delightful three bedroom, three bath residence. Secluded behind an oriental wall, one enters the impressive wood gate to be greeted by a sunny flower-filled patio. The sunroom off the master bedroom opens to a beautiful lush garden area. Yours to expand, remodel, update or simply enjoy.

\$2,400,000 624-0136

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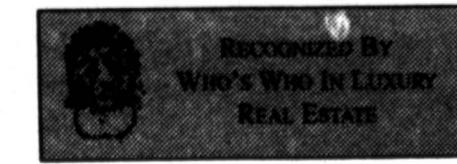
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Condo market sets new highs, dollar volume tops \$99 million

JUST LIKE the market for single-family homes, the condominium market on the Monterey Peninsula had a record-breaking year in 2002. Dollar volume was just a shade less than \$100 million, well above the previous record of \$83,993,000 set in the year 2000.

On a quarterly basis, 2002's fourth quarter was a huge improvement over 2001, jumping to \$24,776,000 from only \$9,374,000 in 2001, an increase of 264 percent.

Prices have been on a continuing

upward trend since the late 1990s. 2002 was a record-breaking year on the price front in seven of the nine Peninsula markets. Only Del Rey Oaks, off slightly last year, and

Pebble Beach, in both the under- and over-\$1 million categories, were down.

The new highs in median sales prices

included \$490,000 in Carmel, \$475,000 in Carmel Valley and \$450,000 in Pacific

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**House Talk**

By Paul & Nellie Brochini

Condos — Average Days on Market

	4th Qtr. 2001	4th Qtr. 2002
Carmel	39	185
Carmel Vly	161	131
D. Rey Oaks	No sales	43
Marina	21	43
Monterey	57	94
P. Grove	47	106
Pebble Bch	185	106
Salinas Hwy	19	26
Seaside	71	98

Condos — Four Year Median Sales Price Comparisons

	1999	2000	2001	2002
Carmel	\$375,000	\$382,500	\$485,000	\$490,000
Carmel Valley	\$300,000	\$312,450	\$360,000	\$475,000
Del Rey Oaks	\$217,500	\$307,000	\$332,500	\$314,000
Marina	\$141,250	\$184,000	\$225,000	\$247,000
Monterey	\$241,000	\$349,000	\$285,000	\$304,500
Pacific Grove	\$315,000	\$422,500	\$425,000	\$450,000
Pebble Beach*	\$330,000	\$504,400	\$585,000	\$570,000
Pebble Beach**	\$1,405,110	\$2,289,500	\$2,800,000	\$2,225,000
Salinas Highway	\$219,600	\$291,000	\$315,000	\$384,000
Seaside	\$237,500	\$282,500	\$238,500	\$332,000

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Condo Sales by Quarter — Six Quarter Review

	3rd Qtr. 2001	4th Qtr. 2001	1st Qtr. 2002	2nd Qtr. 2002	3rd Qtr. 2002	4th Qtr. 2002
Carmel	4	3	2	8	2	3
Carmel Valley	14	7	15	13	28	20
Del Rey Oaks	1	1	1	7	4	1
Marina	10	1	1	4	8	4
Monterey	8	9	8	16	18	14
Pacific Grove	3	3	3	4	2	6
Pebble Beach	2	1	3	1	4	1
Salinas Highway	4	2	0	1	1	2
Seaside	1	3	3	6	4	1
Total	47	30	36	60	71	52

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Completely Remodeled Carmel Beauty

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Easy living is yours in this lovely single story Hugh Comstock post adobe with spacious yard and guest house. Updated to perfection but retaining the original ambiance with a total of 1900 sq. ft. & 3 bedrooms, private walled patio off master suite, 3 full baths, Jacuzzi tub, living room w/wood burning fireplace, fully applianced kitchen w/travertine counters, saltillo tile floors, cozy dining nook & French doors opening to a spacious patio for outdoor entertaining & attached 1-car garage. The beautiful mature trees, lush lawn, flowers and winding pathways leading to the quaint guest house/artist studio (w/full bath) can be yours for only \$1,150,000.

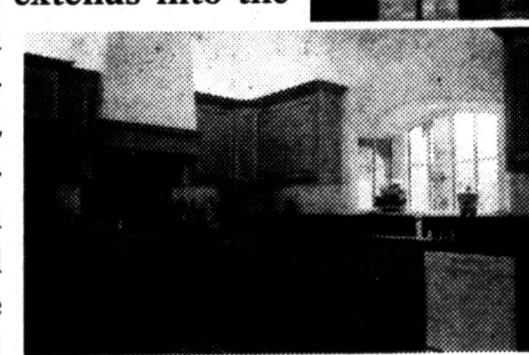


Carmel Ocean View Chateau

OPEN SUNDAY 1-4 • 24393 Portola

This lovely home exudes great curb appeal with impressive architecture and slate roof. This is no small cottage, but a large 2600 sq. ft. home with ocean views, 4 bedrooms & spacious loft room. The master features a wood burning fireplace w/antique Louis XIV carved marble mantle & surround, window seat & tile flooring which extends into the luxurious spa bath. There are imported antique doors, large living room w/hardwood floors, fireplace, ocean view deck &

adjoining formal dining room. The chef in the family will love the professional Viking stove, granite counters, beautiful wood cabinetry & flooring in the kitchen. The breakfast nook overlooks the cozy rear patio w/Carmel Stone fireplace. Add to this an exercise room, office, laundry and storage room, plus high tech lighting system all on a beautifully landscaped oversized lot. Asking \$1,998,000.



Carmel-by-the-Sea Garden Cottage

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Just 2 blocks south of Ocean Avenue, 1 block from the Sunset Center and a short walk to the beach sits this lovely home of stone & wood. Set amid ancient oaks, flowering gardens and sunny decks, this like new 3 bedroom, 2 bath charmer offers many very desirable features in its 1680 sq. ft. such as an attached finished 1-car garage, central air conditioning, a sunny fully furnished kitchen w/wood flooring, tile counters & breakfast bar opening to a cozy patio.

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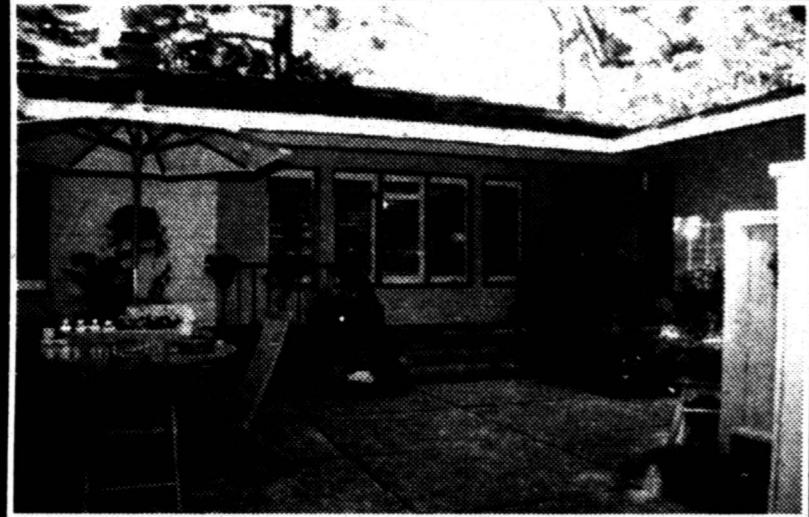
Grove. An interesting twist was that Seaside topped Monterey for the year. 2002 median sales price in Seaside

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	2001	2002
Carmel	\$9,914,000	\$7,446,000
Carmel Valley	\$18,124,000	\$38,804,000
Del Rey Oaks	\$1,896,000	\$4,010,000
Marina	\$4,392,000	\$4,158,000
Monterey	\$12,787,000	\$19,057,000
Pacific Grove	\$8,031,000	\$7,209,000
Pebble Beach	\$6,742,000	\$12,837,000
Salinas Highway	\$4,278,000	\$1,868,000
Seaside	\$2,090,000	\$4,346,000
Total	\$68,254,000	\$99,735,000

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Paul and Nellie Brocchini



**Linda's New Listings****"Life on the Meadow"**

279 Calle de Los Agrinemos

Welcome to the essence of Carmel Valley, this charming 3 bedroom, 2 bath home plus a detached studio with bath. Enhanced by 2 rustic Carmel stone fireplaces, skylights, hardwood floors. Borders a 20+ acre meadow, an open space to enjoy with beautiful paths & historic oaks. Bring your creative touches to add to this already comfortable home. **\$740,000**

OPEN SUNDAY 1:30-3:30

"Heart of Pebble Beach"

3025 Forest Way

Ideally located in the heart of PB, this delightful home is just minutes from world-class resorts and golf courses. Spacious, open floor plan consists of 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, cathedral ceilings, an impressive stone fireplace in the living room, family room with wet bar adjacent to kitchen. The serene forest setting can be enjoyed from decks off the dining, kitchen and master bedroom. **\$998,000**

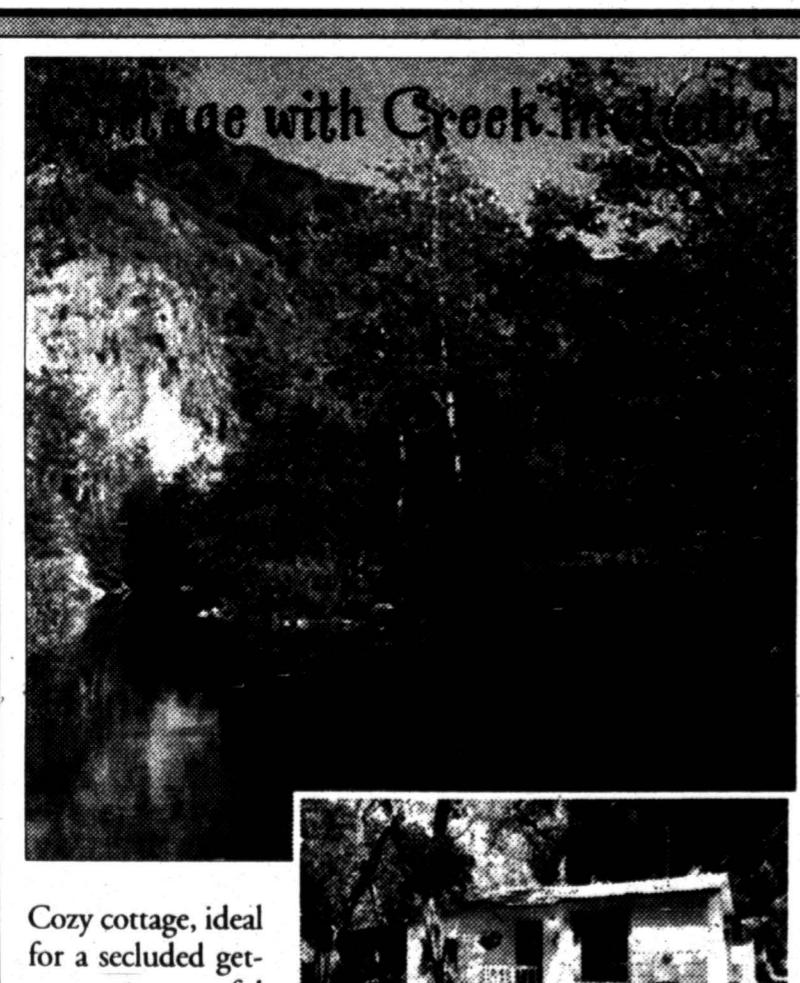
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Carmel Rancho

ning of the year. On that date there were 10 listings ranging in price from \$495,000 to \$1,795,000. Of those, only one was in escrow. Perhaps some of those listings are priced too high since all are above last year's record high median sales price of \$490,000.

Like the single-family home market, the activity in the condominium market in 2002 was strong. The outlook at the beginning of the year still seemed promising, but we will need to get a few months of 2003 under our belts before we know the direction that the market will take this year.

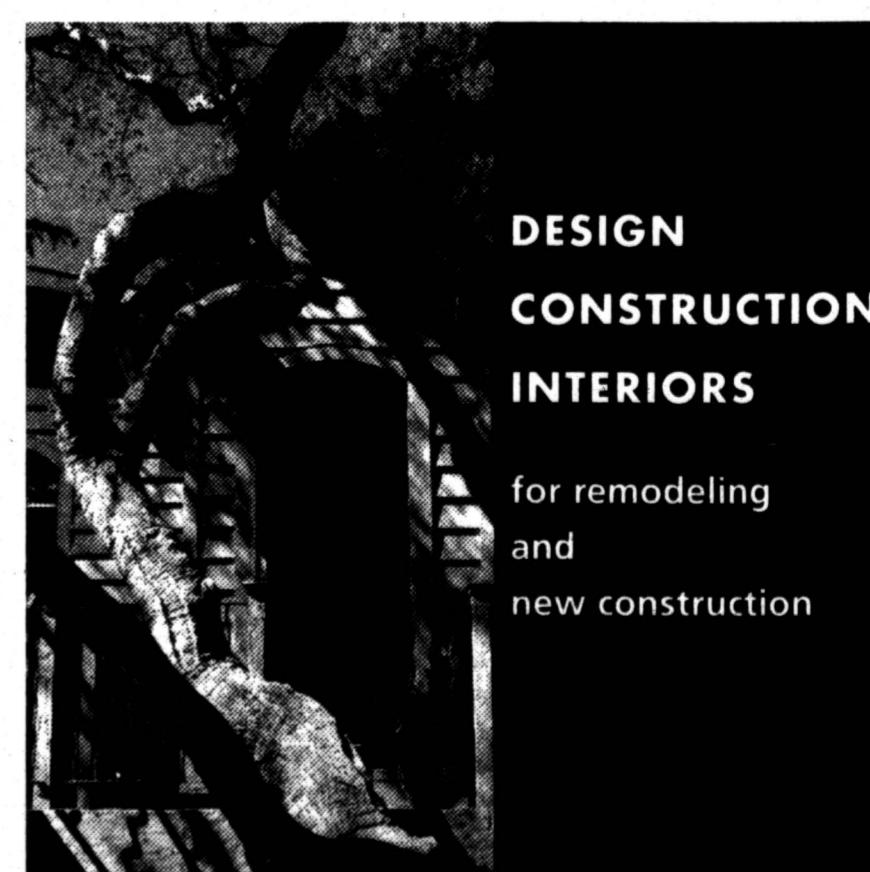
Monterey Peninsula Condo Sales — Market Barometer

Date	in escrow/ listings	Percent in escrow
01/01/03	21/87	24.1
10/01/02	27/112	24.1
07/01/02	34/124	27.4
04/01/02	26/109	23.9
01/01/02	15/85	17.7
10/01/01	21/108	19.4
07/01/01	21/110	19.1
04/01/01	14/56	25.0
01/01/01	31/61	51.0
10/01/00	22/55	40.0
07/01/00	31/67	46.3
04/01/00	30/44	68.2
01/01/00	20/31	64.5
10/01/99	21/55	38.2
07/01/99	26/52	50.0
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01/01/98	30/70	42.9
10/01/97	60/141	42.6
07/01/97	45/151	29.8
04/02/97	26/118	22.0
12/15/96	39/155	25.2
10/01/96	33/149	22.1
07/01/96	29/166	17.5
04/01/96	33/197	16.8
01/01/96	31/201	15.4
10/01/95	22/183	12.0
07/01/95	31/184	16.8
04/01/95	31/171	18.1
01/01/95	34/154	22.1
09/30/94	35/167	21.0
07/01/94	42/176	23.9
04/03/94	45/202	22.0
01/03/94	25/181	13.8
09/30/93	26/196	13.3
07/05/93	26/180	14.4
04/01/93	24/168	14.3
01/02/93	24/153	15.7
10/03/92	13/179	7.3
07/03/92	16/197	8.1
03/14/90	25/67	37.3



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Even with the big increase in ticket sales, the number of golf fans who shuttled between Carmel and Pebble Beach this year was only a small fraction of the total number of people who attended the Pro-Am. The tournament office estimated 135,000 spectators bought tickets to the event this year.

Despite the crowds, Carmel and its neighbors didn't see many of those tourists because tournament officials have been sending visitors to park at Fort Ord for the last five years. Even local golf fans were told to drive to Fort Ord to park.

After parking their cars, the golf fans rode buses between Fort Ord and Pebble Beach. By the time play ended each day, many were too tired to drive from Fort Ord back to Carmel or Monterey for dinner, shopping and entertainment.

The CBA and business organizations from Monterey and Pacific Grove are hoping to convince the tournament to allow for alternative parking in and around the Peninsula cities — the way they did before 1998.

"From our statistics alone, we know that if the solution were here, people would use it," Roncarati said. "It would be good for the overall tournament if we can find viable alternatives for parking."

AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am Executive Vice President Ollie Nutt said he was open to hearing ideas from local organizations. But he said he wouldn't be willing to split up the parking among different sites, and he laid out some criteria that are impossible to meet.

"We need to have the ability to park 6,000 cars in one location that has to be asphalt or concrete, considering the time of year," he said. No such parking exists anywhere near

Pebble Beach. The largest parking lot on the Peninsula — Del Monte Center — has just 2,850 spaces.

But Nutt also pointed out that many of the spectators and guests at the tournament do not park at Fort Ord. Almost all the corporate sponsors take private shuttles from their hotels, he said.

In addition, the tournament allows people to park in Pebble Beach early in the morning, while space is still available.

"Probably 50 percent of the people find other ways of getting into the tournament anyway," he said.

But even the loss of 50 percent of the customer base during the AT&T is a big blow to local businesses, and Roncarati and others are hoping to come up with some solution to satisfy everybody.

"The tournament has been very supportive of the program we're currently running," Roncarati said. "We're making inroads."

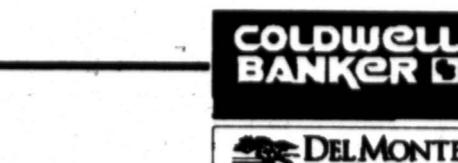
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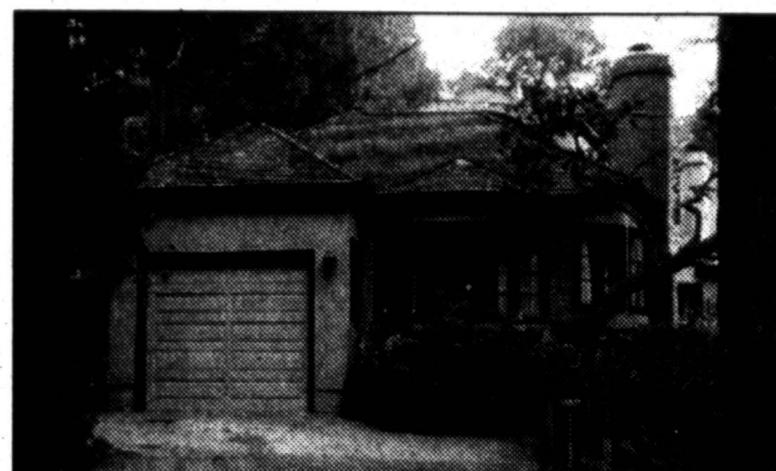
Nancy, a former president of the Carmel Music Society, was once a business and technical administrator for the New York Metropolitan Opera.

"It was in that job I learned not to compromise on quality and to stick with something until it's done," she said.

The couples' tireless efforts for Sunset will continue right up to opening day — July 19. There is still a big deficit in the financing of the debt for the new theater, Nancy Doolittle said.



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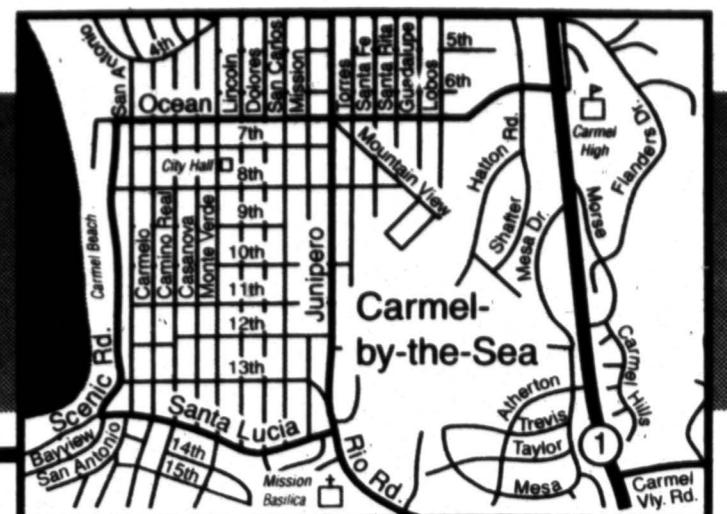
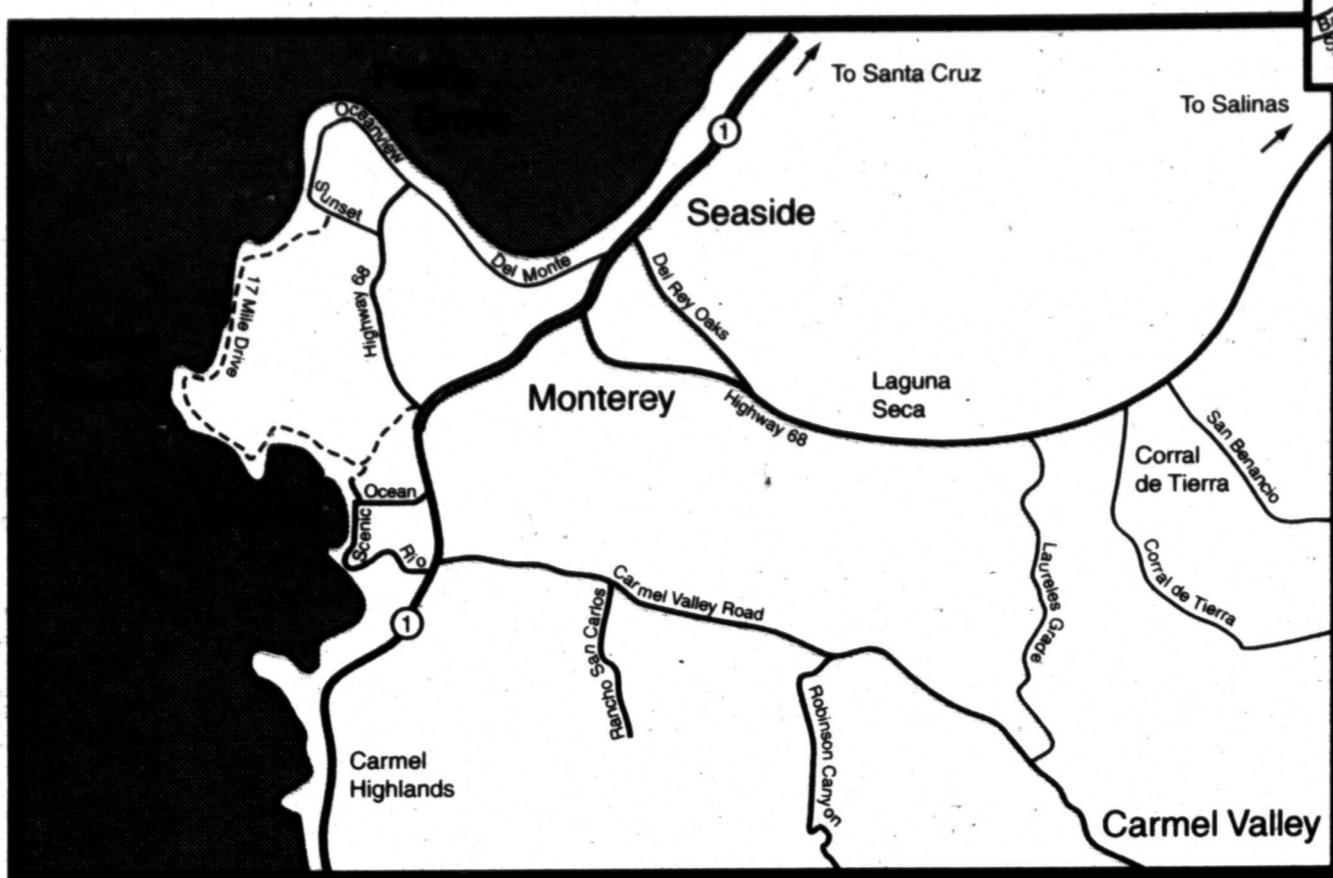
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NW Cor Santa Fe & 8th Ave		Carmel	
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NE Corner 2nd & Lincoln		Carmel	
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Mission 2 SW of 13th (new const)		Carmel	
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2222	
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3 SE Carmelo & 11th		Carmel	
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\$1,595,000	4bd 3.5ba	Sa & Su 2-4	
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3405 Lazzaro Dr		Carmel	
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Carmelo 4SW of 10th Ave		Carmel	
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Lincoln 2 SW of 12th		Carmel	
The Mitchell Group		624-6482	
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SW Cor Lincoln-12th (new const)		Carmel	
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3 NE Camino Real & 11th		Carmel	
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\$2,250,000	2bd 2ba	Su 2-4	
2384 Bayview Ave x Martin		Carmel	
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S End of Torres on 11th Ave		Carmel	
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3800 Genista Way (new const)		Carmel	
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4154 El Bosque		Pebble Beach
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2814 Raccoon Trail		Pebble Beach
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1037 Marcheta Lane		Pebble Beach
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3958 Ronda Rd off Cortez		Pebble Beach
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1452 Susan Way		Pebble Beach
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2223
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3349 17-Mile Dr		Pebble Beach
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2223

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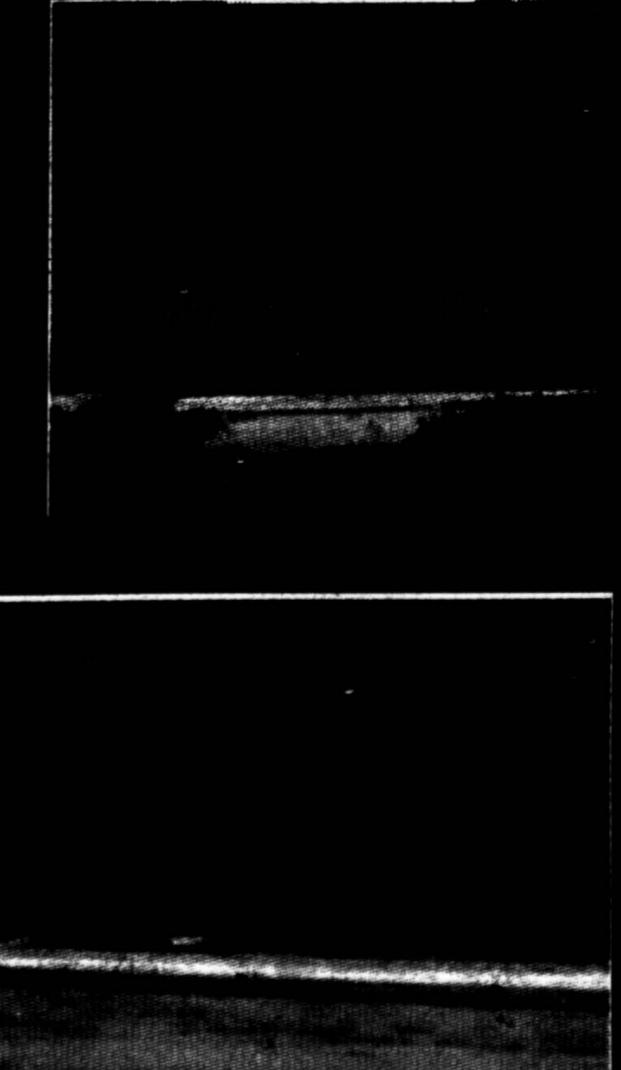


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Coastal Commission approves demolition and new 1,800-sq.-foot home

By TAMARA GRIPPI

EVEN WHILE its staff is pushing the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea to cut the size of new homes on standard lots from 1,800 square feet to 1,600 square feet, the California Coastal Commission has OK'd a brand-new home on Torres Street that will be nearly 1,800 square feet. The vote indicates the commission may not agree with its staff on the size of homes permitted in Carmel.

Betty Parese said she was pleasantly surprised to learn the coastal commission liked her plans. At a meeting earlier this month in San Diego, the commission granted Parese permission to tear down her 575-square-foot house to make room

for a 1,797-square-foot Craftsman home. The vote was 8-3, with commissioners Mike Reilly, Sara Wan and Pedro Nava dissenting.

Design over square footage

"The staff recommended that my permit be denied because of their disagreement with Carmel over house size," Parese said. But in her case, the commission seemed to be more concerned with the design of the house than its size.

"The commission felt very strongly that it isn't square footage that necessarily dictates good design," said coastal commissioner Dave Potter. "It's the quality of the architecture, not the quantity of the house."

With just a month to go before the coastal commission deliberates over Carmel's proposed Local Coastal Program, the commission's decision on Parese's plans is noteworthy.

While Potter said he didn't want to second guess how his fellow commissioners will vote on the house size issue in Carmel, he acknowledged the recent case "was probably a

preliminary indicator on the part of some commissioners showing their concern about design and not square footage."

The 1,800-square-foot limit has been in place for many years, and was confirmed by a ballot initiative in the 1980s. The city council has opposed the coastal commission staff's efforts to cut it by 200 square feet.

No love lost for tiny house

Parese said the fact that her house plans evoke an 'old-world Carmel' theme really won the day, especially when compared with the building on her lot now.

The existing 575-square-foot house is single-wall construction with a flat roof. "It's not even a cottage," she said, noting that her neighbors had no problem with the proposed demolition.

"Believe me if you drove by and saw what's there now, you wouldn't either," she said.

If the coastal commission had sided with its staff and required Parese to cut the size of her new home, that decision might have been easily challenged in court. The coastal commission is sitting as an unconstitutional body after a Dec. 30 appeals court ruling that, because it is controlled by the Legislature, the coastal commission cannot approve, reject or condition permits. But because Parese got what she wanted, the possibility of the decision being invalid is moot.

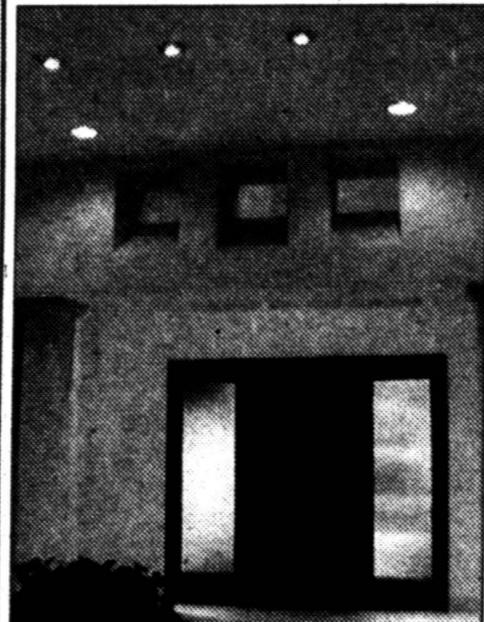
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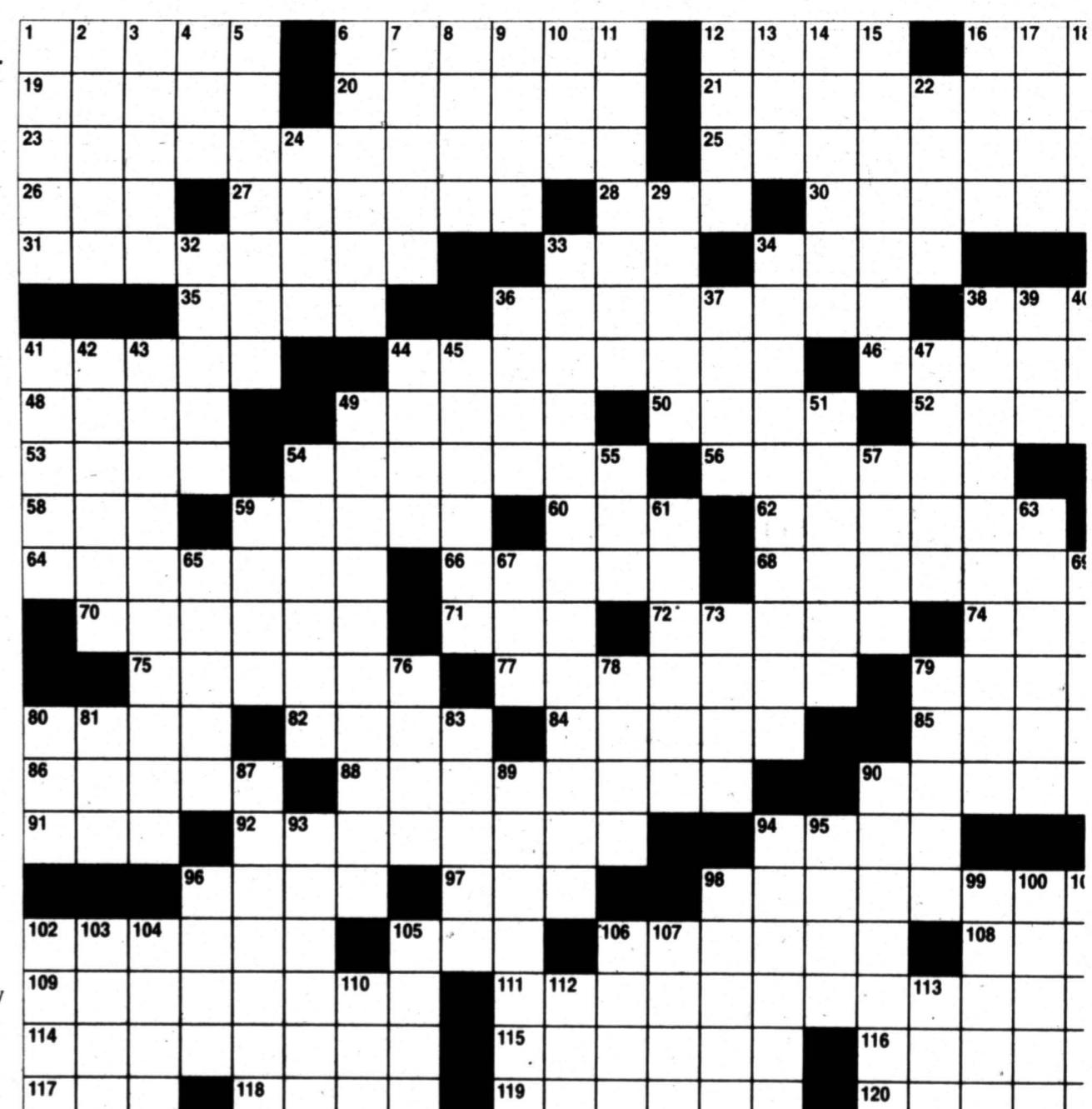
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HILLSIDE

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nity — essentially to identify all the pieces and put them back together," Kephart explained. Various seeding and planting techniques and erosion control measures, he said, would lessen the visual impacts of construction and encourage biodiversity in construction areas.

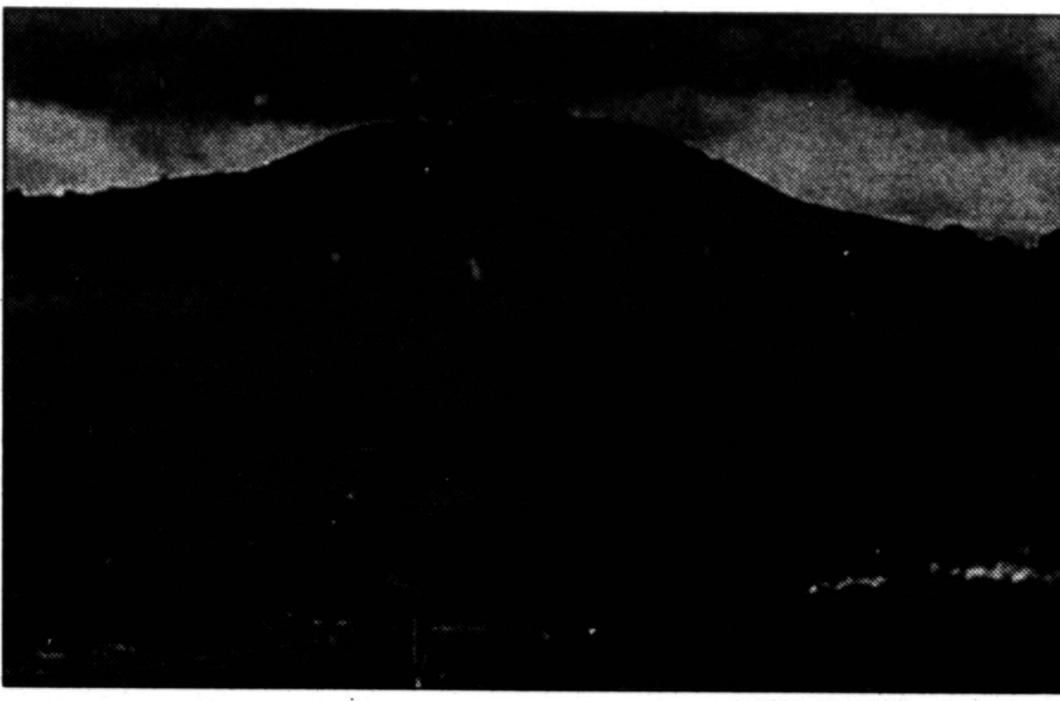
"People see the temporary effects of road construction, and what they will see are components of native vegetation that match with the surrounding area," he said. "It will be deemed successful when people say they never knew we were there."

A crew of 10 has already been at work on the property. A biologist will regularly inspect the progress over the next three years. Kephart said.

Joe Hertlein, CVLUAC chairman, delighted in the fix but said he wished Gregg and Kephart would present the plan to the whole committee and the general public.

"They put together a phenomenal restoration/mitigation plan," he said. "I think it's right on target, but I don't represent the whole community."

A public presentation would go a long way toward allaying the fears of the many who attended a Jan. 6 LUAC meet-



PHOTO/COURTESY RANA CREEK

A Rana Creek Habitat Restoration biologist charged with developing a plan to cover up the road cut in this prominent Carmel Valley hillside hopes reality will match this computer rendering, which shows native trees, plants and shrubs at the crest and across the face of the hill.

ing to decry the cuts in the hillside, according to Hertlein.

"And hopefully the community would be there and say, 'Thank you very much. You've been responsive,'" he said.

Although such a presentation might not take place, the restoration plan can be viewed on Rana Creek's website,

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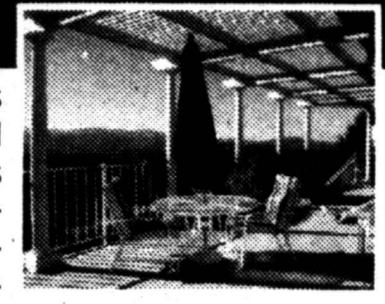
www.ranacreek.com. In the meantime, the road work is almost complete and the restoration plan is under way.

Although people have expressed interest in purchasing the parcels, Gregg said none of them will be up for sale until the overall work on the property is complete.

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POLICE LOG

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the market told her the couple were regular customers and they wouldn't steal her dog. She just wanted the incident noted.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Scenic resident leaned against the alarm panel and activated the panic alarm. Alarm company notified.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of \$2,300 in clothing stolen from an Ocean business during open hours. Unknown suspect.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle towed from Monte Verde and Eighth for displaying registration tabs expired since 05/02.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Contacted subjects in the parking lot at Del Mar after they were found to be camping overnight. Both were advised of the CMC. They said they became tired and stopped to sleep while en route to Los Angeles. They were allowed to remain until rested enough to continue on their way.

Carmel area: Male reported two runaway juvenile females from the Follow the Yellow Brick Road group home located on Carmel Hills Drive.

Pebble Beach: Male requested a welfare check on his brother, a Customs Road resident, because he had not heard from him in several weeks. The resident was fine.

Junipero resident contacted CPD after her residential alarm activated for unknown reasons. Exterior check of the property showed all windows and doors properly secured. Unknown cause of alarm.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Female reported an unknown driver/suspect hit her vehicle and left without leaving a note. A couple of witnesses provided the suspect's vehicle plate number. No description of driver. Minor white transfer on chrome bumper of victim's vehicle. She stated she would try to remove the paint and declined to pursue the matter.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of the possible fraudulent use of an eBay account.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle towed and stored by Carmel Chevron after a driver was stopped at Santa Fe and Ocean and found to be unlicensed.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle parked at Lobos and Second was found to have registration tabs expired as of 11/81. License plate number and VIN came back from DMV check "not on file." The 1960 Peugeot was towed and stored by Carmel Chevron.

Pebble Beach: Male reported unknown suspects attempted to pry a padlock off of a chain on a gate that leads into the maintenance yard on 17 Mile Drive.

Pebble Beach: Rhonda Road resident reported she found three small smudges of mud on her front fence.

Carmel Valley: Principal of Tularcitos Elementary School reported an anonymous parent saw what she thought may have been a drug transaction between two other parents at the community center near the school.

Carmel Valley: General contractor reported several tools were stolen from a Schulte Road work site.

Pebble Beach: Male Forest Lodge Road resident reported that an unknown suspect shattered the glass to his sliding rear window. No entry was made and there were no signs of an attempted entry.

Carmel area: Salinas resident requested a welfare check on his girlfriend after she walked away from CHOMP. She was found to be

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20030107. The following person(s) is/are doing business as: **CARMEL PIPE SHOP**, Lincoln South of Ocean, Carmel, CA 93921; P.O. Box 401, Carmel, CA 93921. RICHARD M. HARDIN, 3574 OLIVER ROAD, CARMEL, CA 93923. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on July 12, 1971. (s) Richard M. Hardin. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 15, 2003. Publication dates: Jan. 24, 31, Feb. 7, 14, 2003. (PC 124)

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MONTEREY

In re the Estate of VERA C. MEYER, Deceased. Case No. MP-16399.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF VERA C. MEYER

Notice is hereby given to the creditors and contingent creditors of the above-named decedent, that all persons having claims against the decedent are required to file them with the Superior Court of 1200 Aguaquita Road, Monterey, California 93940 and mail a copy to GERARD "GARY" VOZNIAK, Trustee of the Trust Dated December 23, 1980, wherein the decedent was the Settlor, at P.O. Box 805, Carmel, California 93921, within the later of four months

after the date of the first publication of this notice, or, if notice is mailed or personally delivered to you, 30 days after the date this notice is mailed or personally delivered to you, or you must petition to file a late claim as provided in Section 19103 of the Probate Code. A claim form may be obtained from the court clerk.

(s) Kathleen Jewell, Attorney for the Trustee Post Office Box 805, Carmel, California 93921

Publication dates: Jan. 31, Feb. 7, 14, 21, 2003. (PC 125)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20030105. The following person(s) is/are doing business as: **HARKINS PARTNERS**, 19065 Portola Dr., Ste. A, Salinas, CA 93908. PAUL JOHNSON, 295 Corral de Tierra Rd., Salinas, CA 93908; JEFF GOLDMAN, 1161 Tervin Ave., Salinas, CA 93901; CURTIS VAUGHAN, 1081 Harkins Rd., Salinas, CA 93901. This business is conducted by a general partnership. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on Dec. 31, 2002. (s) Paul Johnson. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 15, 2003. Publication dates: Jan. 24, 31, Feb. 7, 14, 2003. (PC 126)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20030222. The following person(s) is/are doing business as: **MARK CONCRETE**, 14520 Ridgecrest Road, Watsonville, CA 95076. NAN S. LESNICK, 14520 Ridgecrest Road, Watsonville, CA 95076. This business is conducted by a corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on Jan. 1, 2003. (s) Richard J. Pepe, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 28, 2003. Publication dates: Feb. 14, 21, 28, March 7, 2003. (PC 201)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20030222. The following person(s) is/are doing business as: **MARK CONCRETE**, 14520 Ridgecrest Road, Watsonville, CA 95076. NAN S. LESNICK, 14520 Ridgecrest Road, Watsonville, CA 95076. This business is conducted by a corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on Jan. 1, 2003. (s) Richard J. Pepe, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 28, 2003. (s) Thomas R. Rutherford, Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 3, 2003. Publication dates: Feb. 14, 21, 28, March 7, 2003. (PC 206)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20030128. The following person(s) is/are doing business as: **B.S.A. CONSULTING**, Newell Family Ranch, Highway 1, Big Sur, CA 93920. KEVIN W. WHAN, Newell Family Ranch, Highway 1, Big Sur, CA 93920. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on Jan. 27, 2003. (s) Nan S. Lesnick. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 29, 2003. Publication dates: Feb. 14, 21, 28, March 7, 2003. (PC 209)

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20030247. The following person(s) is/are doing business as: **MARTRAC**, 313 Cayuga St., Suite 104, Salinas, CA 93901. UPS SUPPLY CHAIN SOLUTIONS, INC., DELAWARE, 12380 Morris Rd., Alpharetta, GA 30005. This business is conducted by a corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above upon filing. (s) Paige E. Beolding, Asst. Secy. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 31, 2003. Publication dates: Feb. 14, 21, 28, March 7, 2003. (PC 207)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20030154. The following person(s) is/are doing business as: **STEVENS PROJECTS LLC**, 24704 Aguaquita Road, Carmel, CA 93923. STEVENS PROJECTS, LLC, 24704 Aguaquita Road, Carmel, CA 93923. This business is conducted by a limited liability company. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on Jan. 1, 1970. (s) Susan G. Stevenson, Secy/Treas. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 22, 2003. Publication dates: Feb. 14, 21, 28, March 7, 2003. (PC 204)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20030244. The following person(s) is/are doing business as: **LEAPIN' LIZARDS KIDSWEAR**, 2 Harris Court, Suite #A7, Monterey, CA 93940. MICHELE LAUREN KAHN, 35196 Sky Ranch Rd., Carmel Valley, CA 93924. ALFRED MICHAEL KAHN, 35196 Sky Ranch Rd., Carmel Valley, CA 93924. This business is conducted by a husband and wife. Registrant commenced to transact business under the

fictitious business name listed above on Jan. 31, 2003. (s) Michele Kahn. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 31, 2003. Publication dates: Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2003. (PC 205)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20030258. The following person(s) is/are doing business as: **TIP ELECTRONICS**, 1010 Dolan Road, Castroville, CA 95012. TECHNOLOGY INVESTMENT PARTNERS, L.L.C., Michigan, 3955 Pinnacle Court, Suite 200, Auburn Hills, Michigan 48326. This business is conducted by a limited liability company. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on Jan. 1, 2003. (s) Richard J. Pepe, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 28, 2003. (s) Thomas R. Rutherford, Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 3, 2003. Publication dates: Feb. 14, 21, 28, March 7, 2003. (PC 206)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20030128. The following person(s) is/are doing business as: **ATHENA'S SKIN SPA**, 428 Alvarado St., Monterey, CA 93940. SASA CHIANG, 66 Calera Cyn. Rd., Salinas, CA 93908. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on Feb. 5, 2003. (s) Sara A. Chiang. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 5, 2003. Publication dates: Feb. 14, 21, 28, March 7, 2003. (PC 209)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20030308. The following person(s) is/are doing business as: **THE TILE STUDIO**, 1605 B Del Monte Blvd., Seaside, CA 93955. FRANK J. DIMERICIO, 1496 Santa Clara Ave. #8, Seaside, CA 93955. This business is conducted by an individual. (s) Frank J. DiMercurio. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 7, 2003. Publication dates: Feb. 14, 21, 28, March 7, 2003. (PC 211)

ATTENTION CARMEL VALLEY LANDOWNERS

The Carmel River Watershed Conservancy (CRWC) has received a grant from the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) to develop a Carmel River watershed assessment and management plan. Goals of the project include: 1) to complete a comprehensive community-based watershed assessment and watershed management plan with the involvement and support of diverse stakeholder groups and relevant public agencies, planners, and researchers; and 2) to educate stakeholders and interested parties about natural resource conditions and concerns in the Carmel River watershed, and to increase awareness, involvement, and public support for the planning process, leading to implementation of restoration projects and improved land management practices. Funding for this project has been provided in part through a contract with the SWRCB pursuant to the Costa-Machado

Water Act of 2000 (Proposition 13) and any amendment thereto for the implementation of California's Non-point Source Pollution Control Program. The contents of this document will not necessarily reflect the views and policies of the SWRCB, nor does mention of trade names or commercial products constitute endorsement or recommendation for use.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20030293. The following person(s) is/are doing business as: **ATHENA'S SKIN SPA**, 428 Alvarado St., Monterey, CA 93940. SASA CHIANG, 66 Calera Cyn. Rd., Salinas, CA 93908. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on Feb. 5, 2003. (s) Sara A. Chiang. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 5, 2003. Publication dates: Feb. 14, 21, 28, March 7, 2003. (PC 209)

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20030314. The following person(s) is/are doing business as: **MONTEREY PENINSULA PROPERTIES, AZTECA REALTY, SALINAS REALTY GROUP**, 440 Ramona Av., Suite 21, Monterey, CA 93940. RICHARD R. NOLETTE, 440 Ramona Av., Suite 21, Monterey, CA 93940. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 2-7-03. (s) Richard Nolette. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 7, 2003. Publication dates: Feb. 14, 21, 28, March 7, 2003. (PC 212)

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MONTEREY

In re the Estate of JOHN H. RENNELS, Deceased. Case No. MP-16436.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF RUTH A. RENNELS

Notice is hereby given to the creditors and contingent creditors of the above-named decedent, that all persons having claims against the decedent are required to file them with the Superior Court at 1200 Aguaquita Road, Monterey, California 93940, and mail a copy to JOHN H. RENNELS, JR. and SUSAN RENNELS BROWN, Co-trustees of the Trust Dated April 24, 1993, wherein the decedent was the Settlor, at P.O. Box 805, Carmel, California 93921, within the later of four months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or, if notice is mailed or personally delivered to you, 30 days after the date this notice is mailed or personally delivered to you, or you must petition to file a late claim as provided in Section 19103 of the Probate Code. A claim form may be obtained from the court clerk. For your protection, you are encouraged to file your claim

fine after being discharged from the hospital.

Carmel Valley: Carmel Valley Road resident requested information on removing a vehicle from his property.

Big Sur: Female reported a counterfeit check passed at Loma Vista.

Carmel Valley: De Amaral Road residents reported an unknown suspect broke into their residence and stole jewelry and electronic equipment.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Contacted a subject at San Carlos and Sixth for operating a bicycle without the proper lighting during darkness. Interviewed and released with a warning.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Guadalupe resident came to the station to report she lives with her grandmother but was locked out because the grandmother doesn't like her boyfriend. She said she is moving to her boyfriend's residence and would like to get her property out of her grandmother's residence. Grandmother advised she would let the female back in to get her belongings.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Former Guadalupe resident requested a civil standby while she retrieved some of her belongings. She will make an appointment with the resident to retrieve the rest of her belongings in the near future.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: First Avenue resident reported a subject sleeping on the property behind his garage and her fence. Subject had been locked out of his house and he was allowing her to take a nap behind the garage. She said she was in the process of getting an apartment and would not be staying there. She was advised it may be a CMC violation to sleep at that location over night and needed to find another place to sleep.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Contacted Junipero resident on behalf of her son, who had difficulties contacting his mother. Upon arrival, contact was made with her. She spoke little English but appeared to be fine. While there, the son called and the officer verified his mother was OK.

Carmel Valley: Lazy Oaks resident reported that on 02/01/03 at 1700 hours, she was hiking at Garland Ranch when she saw a red laser dot on her white dog. She later saw a male figure in the brush who told her he was taking photographs. No weapon seen.

Carmel Valley: Female Ford Road resident reported her daughter missing. Daughter has a history of mental illness. Unknown destination.

Carmel Valley: Nevada resident requested a welfare check on her relative who lives on Carmel Valley Road. She was found to be fine.

Carmel Valley: Asoleado resident reported her husband drove his vehicle over the edge of the roadway.

Big Sur: Patrol observation of a Mokelumne Hills resident with his vehicle on a road off Highway 1 near Villa Creek not open to the public. Subject cited for trespassing and driving on a suspended license.

Big Sur: El Sur Ranch reported a fire from a downed power line on the ranch. The downed power line electrocuted two head of cattle.

Carmel Valley: Calle de la Ventana resident reported someone removed personal property from her residence.

Carmel Valley: Anonymous person found a pill container with two pills inside on Paso Cresta. They were turned over to

the sheriff's department for destruction.

Carmel area: Carmel High School student reported his cell phone was stolen from the gym.

Carmel area: Carmel resident reported a past-tense vehicle burglary while it was parked at Carmel High School.

Pebble Beach: Male reported two drills and a Sawzall were taken from the bed of his rental truck on El Bosque. Total value of tools estimated at \$750.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Reports of a loose dog running in the business area. Based on the description, went directly to the owner's house and found the dog outside the fenced yard waiting to get in. Placed the dog in the yard and contacted the owner's daughter. Resident advised she will be contacted later with a citation.

Carmel area: Female Rio Road resident took a walk and got lost. She was returned to her house.

Big Sur: Unknown person(s) broke into the kiosk at Pfeiffer Beach and took the money box.

Carmel area: Rio Road resident took a walk and got lost. She was returned to her house.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Female called CFD to report the keys to her vehicle were missing. She was contacted at CFD and found to be intoxicated. She reported a friend had left with her keys. AAA was contacted and entry gained to her vehicle located at Lincoln and Ocean across from the bar. She was provided a taxi ride home due to her intoxicated state. She was rude and uncooperative the entire time, not only to the officers, but to the taxi driver and the AAA driver. She refused to give her AAA card to the driver after he requested it. She was advised to

retrieve her vehicle the following day after getting her keys. It was exempted from citation.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a minor in possession of alcohol on the Carmel Beach hillside at Scenic and 13th.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Domestic disturbance between golf tournament spectators after one of them and an old friend

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became intoxicated, which angered the other party. They continued arguing in their hotel room, which disturbed other guests. They

denied the argument was physical. They promised not to cause any further disturbances.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report that a subject tried to purchase a Prada handbag from a Carmel Plaza store over the phone with a stolen American Express card. Confirmed the address and phone number in Oregon were

bad. Traced to a San Francisco hotel, but she had checked out. Notified American Express fraud department, which advised it was aware of the incident and was looking into it.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Follow-up on a report of juveniles throwing rocks and damaging a city sign on Scenic. Resident was unable to identify who was throwing the rocks.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Contacted a subject sleeping inside his vehicle at Del Mar and found he had been drinking. He was issued a warning and allowed to stay for only tonight.

Pebble Beach: Though he complied, a male subject wanted to report he was unfairly treated by the bouncers at the lodge due to his "non-celebrity" status. He was apparently evicted for having too much to drink.

Pebble Beach: Second-hand report from Pebble Beach Security of a possible domestic at a Chamisal Way residence. Contacted Sacramento residents who were renting the home during the golf tournament. There was no domestic dispute but they may have been too loud on their return from the Tap Room.

Carmel area: Unknown person(s) forced entry into an unattended vehicle parked along the shoulder of High Meadows Drive near Miramonte Road. Taken was a Bank of America cloth deposit bag containing numerous checks made out to a number of home-

owners associations.

Carmel Valley: Juvenile reported that an aggressive Cañada Lane neighbor approached and challenged her boyfriend.

Big Sur: Report of an in-progress burglary at a private residence near Fuller's Beach referred to as the old Richardson's property, Packard House or Mushroom House. State Parks law enforcement rangers arrived on scene after individuals had departed. No evidence of forced entry was found. Three individuals were later identified and questioned regarding trespassing offenses.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Female was standing outside of her Forest Lodge office when she saw a juvenile carrying a BB rifle. He was perched alongside a raised flower bed and told her he wanted to scare a cat which apparently had been bothering his cat and eating its food. She stated this was not going to solve the problem, and then notified the department. Officers counseled the juvenile and his mother.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Carmel Valley resident, age 47, was arrested at Mission and Ocean for DUI with a blood alcohol content greater than 0.8 percent and was found to have \$30,000 in outstanding warrants for Health & Safety Code violations. His 1975 Porsche 911

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Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of loud music from the inn at Ocean and Monte Verde and illegal parkers in the restricted residential area. No music heard and no violations found inside. Several vehicles were cited for the residential parking violation.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Contacted a subject at the Carmel Youth Center and served him with a copy of a temporary restraining order. Proof of service faxed to MCSO Records Division and Monterey County Court.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Male reported his Red Dodge pickup was hit while parked at Mission and Fifth. No suspects or witnesses found.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Driver contacted at San Carlos and Ninth for excessive speed and cited for 50 mph in a 25 mph zone.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a subject at Carpenter and Fourth driving on a suspended or revoked drivers license. Suspect vehicle was a 1989 Chevrolet pickup.

Carmel Valley: Female Cañada Lane resident reported being followed by a male subject.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Responded to a Dolores residence on a 911 hangup. Resident misdialed 911. She meant to dial another prefix. She was fine, and there was no merit to any emergency.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 1994 Honda Accord was backed into a Vista Lobos lot parking space in an effort to hide the plate. Plate displayed tabs from 05/01. Vehicle towed and stored by Carmel Chevron for registration expired more than six months.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject called from a cell phone to report that while he was in the men's room at Devendorf Park, a person in the other stall slid a small mirror into his stall. He yelled at this person, who did not say anything but removed the mirror. Officers contacted a subject in the restroom. He was advised why he was being contacted and consented to a search. No mirror was located on him and he denied looking into the other stall. He was released after he was identified and a warrants check came back clear.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Realtor lost her black fanny pack while out checking several properties. It was not located and she was advised to

cancel credit cards and checks.

Carmel Valley: A 40-year-old female Carmel Valley resident who was reported missing by her mother 02/07/03 was located by CHP helicopter along a ridge line at Snively's Ridge in Garland Ranch Regional Park. Helicopter landed, but she was disoriented and refused to allow the pilot and paramedic to approach her. Sheriff's rescue and mounted unit members made their way to the location. She eventually entered the helicopter and was airlifted to the Carmel Valley Airport. Deputies later transported her to Natividad Medical Center for psychiatric and medical evaluation.

Carmel area: Black Corvette was observed swerving on Highway 1. The vehicle was stopped and the driver was contacted. CHP was requested and following an investigation, determined driver was intoxicated. He was arrested without incident.

Carmel area: San Luis Avenue resident reported a woman in her driveway asking for a cab. The woman also told of being poisoned by her ex-husband. She was later located and found to be all right.

Carmel Valley: Cañada Court resident reported his neighbor came to his house and verbally abused him. A report was taken for documentation.

Carmel Valley: Female reported her car was vandalized while it was parked on Carmel Valley Road. No suspects.

Carmel Valley: Hitchcock Canyon Road resident reported unknown person(s) repeatedly calling and hanging up. She also reported unrelated suspicious circumstances at her residence. A phone trap was requested.

Pebble Beach: Valdez resident reported having problems with her live-in renter.

Carmel Valley: Via Contenta resident was found to be in possession of a crack pipe. She is on probation and was arrested. Case continues.

Carmel area: Manager of the Mission Ranch reported a male subject trespassed on the property four times. He was asked to leave after he was seen smoking marijuana on the property. He was advised never to return to the Mission Ranch. Prosecution not desired unless the suspect returned.

Carmel Valley: Female reported unknown persons cut the hose of her front yard sprinkler system on Robinson Canyon Road in two places.



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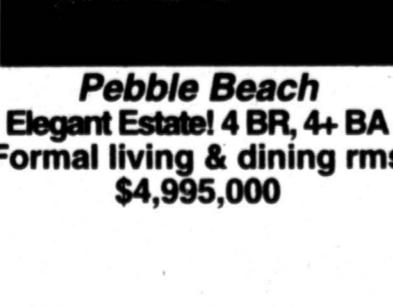
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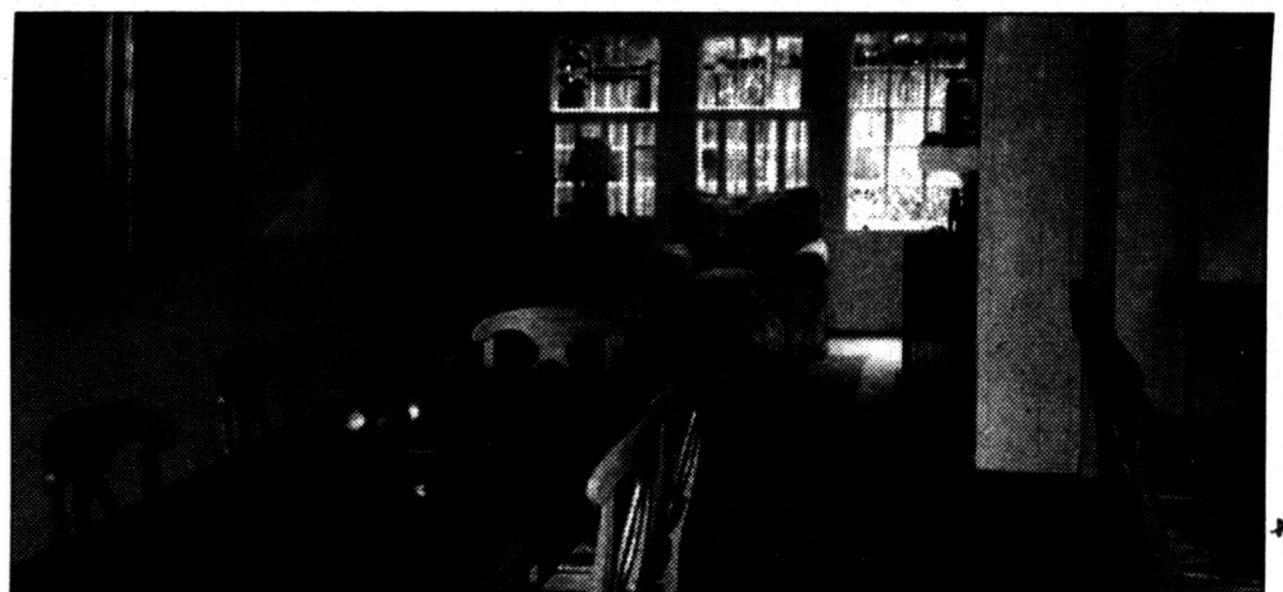
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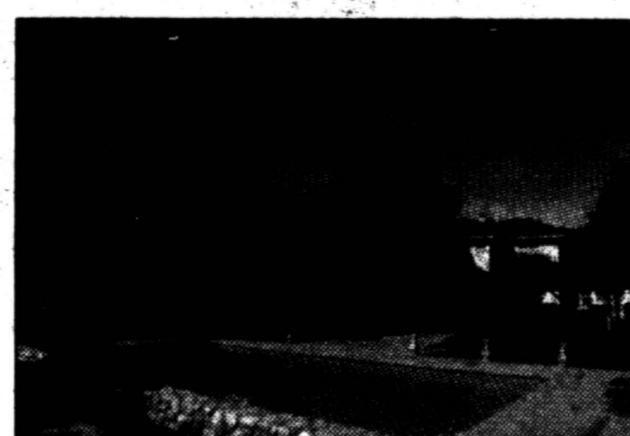
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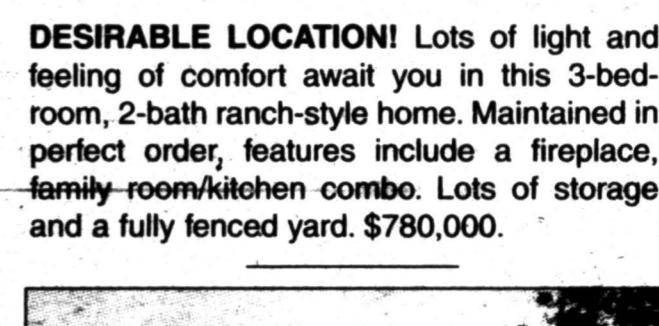
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